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## THE MAINE BLOWN UP.

### Uncle Sam's Great War Ship Destroyed in the Harbor at Havana.

#### GREAT EXCITEMENT AT WASHINGTON.

No Explanation Yet of the Cause of the Terrible Disaster.

253 LIVES LOST.

Spanish Authorities at Madrid and Havana Express Deep Regret at the Occurrence.

Uncle Sam's big cruiser, the Maine, blew up at a quarter before 10 o'clock in the harbor at Havana, Tuesday night. The cause of the awful disaster, which sent two hundred and fifty-three human lives into eternity, is shrouded in mystery. Secretary Long has issued a statement, saying that no definite word could be given at present, and urges that judgment be suspended for the present.

Despite the reticence of their chief, many naval officials express grave doubts as to the explosion having been due to an accident. They assert that a ship's magazines are always well guarded. Various theories, such as spontaneous combustion, explosion of a boiler, etc., are advanced, but do not seem entirely satisfactory.

The explosion is said by most of the survivors to have occurred under or in the bow, where the crew's quarters were located.

The Spanish authorities in Madrid, Havana and Washington, expressed the greatest horror at the occurrence. They believe the explosion was purely accidental.

Great excitement prevailed in Washington. Senators and Representatives advised calmness, but say war is inevitable if it is found the Spanish are responsible for the disaster.

The President has decided against sending another warship to Havana for the present.

London papers declare that there is ground for suspicion of the untoward event.

Secretary Long made the following statement:

"I am at this time not inclined to make a positive statement. The Navy Department has made accessible to the public all the advice of definite portents which have come from Havana. The department sincerely sympathizes with those who have been the victims of this disaster.

"I am not in a position to advance theories in regard to causes. Capt. Sigsbee's admonition that public opinion be withheld until there can be an investigation, is a wise and just measure.

"I am inclined to regard the disaster as an accident or due to accidental causes, and in this view I am sustained by Captain O'Neil, the chief of ordnance."

President McKinley holds a conservative view. He will not send another vessel to Havana to protect American interests at present. He expressed great sorrow at the loss of life.

The undercurrent of feeling to the effect that the Maine was destroyed by some overt act is probably influenced by the fact that the department officials are well aware of the hostility felt by the Spaniards because the Maine was sent to Havana to protect American citizens. The destruction of the vessel is not believed to be due to the connivance of high Spanish officials. But the great majority of the Spaniards in Havana will unquestionably be glad the Maine is destroyed, providing their Government is not held responsible.

The fact that the accident is one unprecedented in our navy, and the fact that it took place so soon after the ship was inspected, and at night, while all was quiet, are suspicious circumstances, which, in connection with the resentment among the Spaniards, lead to inference here that the destruction was not an accident.

Our Government is losing no time in getting the navy in perfect shape for service, if there should be any need. If an examination of the hull of the Maine should show an explosion from the outside, it would be difficult to control Congress.

#### THE VOTE IN BLOOMSBURG.

W. O. Holmes Elected President of the Town Council.--Other Successful Candidates.

There was more interest manifested at the polls on Tuesday, than has been shown at any spring election for a number of years. There being three full tickets in the field, the result was in doubt until the vote was counted. Holmes for President of Council had things quite easy. The principal contest was for Poor Overseers. Ugly rumors, concerning the different candidates had been circulated around, and as a result the fight for that place was very exciting. Following is the result by wards:

| PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.  |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
|------------------------|------|-----------|------|-------|------|
| *W. O. Holmes.....     | 1st. | 2nd.      | 3rd. | 4th.  |      |
| W. R. Koehler.....     | 104  | 109       | 147  | 129   | 489  |
| Wm. Kramer.....        | 72   | 81        | 79   | 72    | 304  |
|                        | 30   | 42        | 88   | 72    | 232  |
| MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.    |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| *W. S. Ashton.....     | 241  | 153       | 257  | 137   | 788  |
| *J. S. Blue.....       | 181  | 137       | 184  | 165   | 667  |
| *W. L. Demaree.....    | 156  | 122       | 221  | 132   | 631  |
| *Daniel Dutler.....    | 102  | 69        | 188  | 439   | 798  |
| *G. M. Lockard.....    | 124  | 74        | 305  | 329   | 832  |
| H. Hower.....          | 141  | 313       | 165  | 161   | 780  |
| *F. B. Hartman.....    | 229  | 236       | 327  | 232   | 1024 |
| SCHOOL DIRECTOR.       |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| Joseph Garrison.....   | 139  | 157       | 230  | 175   | 672  |
| *Robert Little.....    | 123  | 126       | 215  | 236   | 700  |
| M. P. Lutz.....        | 165  | 171       | 163  | 165   | 604  |
| ASSESSOR.              |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| *John V. Logan.....    | 179  | 191       | 318  | 162   | 850  |
| *W. E. Knorr.....      | 154  | 138       | 301  | 292   | 785  |
| W. J. Bidleman.....    | 64   | 94        | 73   | 74    | 305  |
| POOR DIRECTORS.        |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| I. Hagenbuch.....      | 230  | 280       | 546  | 130   | 1114 |
| M. H. Rhoads.....      | 181  | 137       | 184  | 165   | 667  |
| M. K. Trivelpiece..... | 23   | 23        | 63   | 48    | 104  |
| C. R. Cox.....         | 79   | 89        | 88   | 84    | 341  |
| L. T. Sharpless.....   | 130  | 114       | 58   | 91    | 393  |
| JUDGES OF ELECTION.    |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| Theodore L. Smith..... | 84   |           |      |       | 84   |
| *Charles P. Slay.....  | 86   |           |      |       | 86   |
| *James Magee 2nd.....  | 23   |           |      |       | 23   |
| N. S. Scott.....       | 96   |           |      |       | 96   |
| John Welliver.....     | 88   |           |      |       | 88   |
| G. W. Correll.....     | 45   |           |      |       | 45   |
| *R. B. Penman.....     | 108  |           |      |       | 108  |
| *W. E. Knorr.....      | 110  |           |      |       | 110  |
| G. E. Enterline.....   | 36   |           |      |       | 36   |
| Hervey Ludlow.....     | 91   |           |      |       | 91   |
| Charles B. Ohi.....    | 127  |           |      |       | 127  |
| S. A. Lutz.....        | 42   |           |      |       | 42   |
| INSPECTORS.            |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| *Charles P. Sloan..... | 80   |           |      |       | 80   |
| *P. G. Eyer.....       | 77   |           |      |       | 77   |
| *G. R. Cummings.....   | 27   |           |      |       | 27   |
| *Chas. Henderson.....  | 107  |           |      |       | 107  |
| *Samuel Pugh.....      | 68   |           |      |       | 68   |
| Frank Bomboy.....      | 44   |           |      |       | 44   |
| *Wm. B. Hatter.....    | 146  |           |      |       | 146  |
| *Wm. Hatter.....       | 121  |           |      |       | 121  |
| Wm. S. Pursell.....    | 32   |           |      |       | 32   |
| *Edward Hencock.....   | 61   |           |      |       | 61   |
| John Tracy.....        | 168  |           |      |       | 168  |
| Chas. W. McCaslin..... | 32   |           |      |       | 32   |
| ASSESSOR.              |      | DISTRICT. |      | Total |      |
| C. W. Brown.....       | 75   |           |      |       | 75   |
| *C. B. Chrisman.....   | 84   |           |      |       | 84   |
| *J. S. Walker.....     | 35   |           |      |       | 35   |
| *Robt. Morris.....     | 103  |           |      |       | 103  |
| Chas. Sterner.....     | 78   |           |      |       | 78   |
| *Wm. R. Halden.....    | 46   |           |      |       | 46   |
| *Roy A. Evert.....     | 156  |           |      |       | 156  |
| S. M. Runyon.....      | 82   |           |      |       | 82   |
| Clark Kanner.....      | 84   |           |      |       | 84   |
| *Peter Jones.....      | 155  |           |      |       | 155  |
| John Kulp.....         | 31   |           |      |       | 31   |

Those marked with a \* are the successful ones.

#### Gidding-Goldschmidt Wedding.

With great surprise will many of our readers receive the announcement of the wedding of Miss Helen Goldschmidt, of town, to B. A. Gidding, of Bloomsburg, a very prosperous clothing merchant of that city. The marriage of these two well known and most estimable young people will occur on the 23rd. of this month. Invitations have been issued, but as death has recently spread its sad fall over the Goldschmidt fireside, having removed the sister of household's guardian, the wedding will be private and held at the home of the future bride's parents on Hickory street.—Mt. Carmel Item.

Many of the crossings in town need repairing. Pedestrians are compelled to wade mud in order to get across the street whenever any little rain fall occurs. If more care and judgment were used when the crossings are put down a great deal of this extra expense might be done away with.

NEW SPRING HATS, all the new shapes and colors. Extra good Stiff and Fedora hats at

98c.

Black and brown.

See the new "Broadway Special" Derby.

## NO MAKE BELIEVES.

No make believe that a thing is what it isn't.  
No make believe that our goods are better than they are.  
No make believe that things are special when they're not.  
No make believe, no shams, no false pretenses, right things called by their right names, and sold at right prices.

We have grown up under the above good mercantile rules. The same rule still governs us, and we are growing, and will continue to grow, prosper, win trade and gain the confidence of our patrons by adhering strictly to these sound business principles. Depend on what you buy here as being the best at the price. No cheap shoddy stuffs are allowed to enter this establishment. If you purchase anything of us that does not give the utmost satisfaction, come back and let us know it. We stand ready and willing to make it right at all times.

#### SHOES.

The selling of Shoes the past few weeks has been beyond our expectations. The certain lines at a mere shadow of their former prices have been considerably reduced, but there still remains some certain lots that must be cleaned up, and prices such as these cannot help but do it.

64 pair (exact count) still remain of the sizes, 2, 2½, 3 and 3½, of Jones & Walter's \$3 and \$4 ladies' fine shoes, \$1.98.

Come in and take a look at them. They're somewhat shop worn, but think of the Price!

\$1.98 for fine hand turned ladies' shoes, broken sizes, and enough of them to fit almost any foot. They're \$3.50 and \$4.00 grades here, and prices given here on men's shoes and boots that ought to clean them up in a very few days. When these lots are gone, don't expect any more at the same figures.

46 pairs of men's fine shoes in broken sizes, some have retailed at 3.50, 4, and \$5. The toe not quite as blunt as some like it.

\$2.98 the pair.

18 pair patent leather shoes of J. & W's fine grades, have retailed at \$5, narrow toe,

\$2.75 the pair.

63 pairs men's calf shoes, J. & W. price \$3,

\$1.98 the pair.

Boys' fine shoes, regular sizes, J. & W. price 2.50 and \$2 grades,

\$1.75 the pair

Youth's satin calf, regular sizes, narrow toe, J. & W. price \$1.25,

98c. the pair.

Men's first quality Woonsocket or Lycoming rubber boots, list price \$3, all sizes

\$2.19 the pair.

Keystone make rubber boots regular \$2.50 quality,

\$1.98 the pair.

Men's buckle Ar ties,

\$1.19 the pair.

Rubbers for felt boots, \$1.50 kind,

\$1.29 the pair.

One buckle lumbermen's rubbers, \$1.50 kind,

\$1.19 the pair.

Boys' rubber boots, Lycoming grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.25,

\$1.79 the pair.

Boys' rubber boots, Keystone grade, Jones & Walter's price \$2.00,

\$1.69 the pair.

Advance Spring Styles in Colored Shirts. Men and Boys' 2 collar and cuffs,

50c.

Nothing to equal them in the city.

SINGLE TROUSERS, to make the coat and vest last the season out, strictly all wool, perfect fitting, well tailored, warranted not to rip or buttons come off, \$2 the pair, or 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and \$5.00 for higher grades.

## GIDDING & CO.,

Complete Outfitters for Men and Boys.

#### HORSE STOLEN.

A horse and buggy belonging to liveryman W. J. Hilday was taken from in front of the residence of Dr. F. W. Redeker, on East Street Friday afternoon.

It was discovered in a few minutes and a search was at once instituted. It was learned that a young man had driven the horse at a rapid gait in the direction of Danville. Mr. Hilday accompanied by a police officer took the down train on the D. L. & W. Railroad, to overtake the thief. They went to Danville where, after securing a horse started back toward Bloomsburg. They had proceeded more than two miles when they met the youngster. He was arrested, and brought back to town and given a hearing before Squire Jacoby. He admitted taking the horse saying that a man had told him to drive it to Danville and he would pay him for his trouble. He said his name was John White, 13 years of age and lived at Scranton. His father and mother are both dead and he had been living with his brothers, but becoming dissatisfied had run away from home.

The young criminal was taken to jail.

#### A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. John Hummer received a telegram on Wednesday, stating that her brother William Mason, had died very suddenly at Sunbury. He had secured a position at the Novelty Works at this place, and was on his way to accept the position. Mrs. Hummer had just returned last week from Warren, where she had been called by the death of J. Newman Lacey, another brother. The deceased was about forty years of age. DeForest Hummer took the noon train for Sunbury, to look after the remains.

As a rule you are reminded of how many people are mad at you when St. Valentine's day comes around. Judging from the thinned out appearance of the snow windows in town the exchange of courtesies this year was fully up to the average.

#### WAGGENSELLER-MEARS.

John J. Waggenseller, a traveling salesman of this town and Miss Jennie Mears were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Tuesday morning at the home of the groom's brother-in-law, L. T. Sharpless, on Main Street. The ceremony which was witnessed by only a few immediate friends was performed by Rev. B. C. Conner, of the Methodist Church. After hearty congratulations the newly made man and wife left on the noon train on the P. & R. Railroad for a wedding trip to Philadelphia and other places of interest.

The Alonzo Hatch Electro Photo Musical Company will appear at the Opera House Wednesday evening February 23, under the auspices of Brockway Camp No. 270 Sons of Veterans. Speaking of the entertainment the Essex County Republican, of New York says:

"The Alonzo Hatch Electro Photo Musical Company's entertainment, given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cemetery Association, in Kingsland Opera House, in the evening, fittingly closed the Labor Day festivities by a beautiful, charming and delightful entertainment. A most rare treat was missed by all who failed to attend. The Animotoscope is a wonderful machine and too much cannot be said of it in the advance announcements. The Phonograph selections were of the best, while the harp solos by Signor Epifano were grand. Mr. Hatch's songs, illustrated by the Trionopticon, were very pleasing and won the admiration of a select audience. The entertainment was entirely satisfactory and netted the ladies \$37.

The store room formerly occupied by N. Malleferi, as a confectionery store is being thoroughly remodeled. An addition will be built to the rear, extending all the way back to the alley. When completed it will be used as the grocery department of the Bloomsburg Store Company.

#### AN INTERESTING SUIT.

The law-suit of Martha A. Case and William Case against the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. has occupied the attention of the court thus far this week. Mrs. Case alleges that she was allowed to get off the cars at Berwick below the station, the brakeman not having announced the station. She claims that the conductor stopped the train and let her off some distance below the platform, and that in getting back to the station she fell down and was seriously injured, and has suffered ever since. This happened in August, 1894. She was on her way from her home in Michigan to visit friends in this county. Her ticket was to Bloomsburg but she told the conductor she wanted to stop at Berwick. He took her ticket and check and said he would arrange it, and she says she didn't see him again. She says that she didn't know when they reached Berwick, as it was not announced, and they had left the station before she learned that it was Berwick. Then calling the conductor, he stopped the train and let her off as before stated. In December, 1894, she brought suit for injuries to herself, and her husband sued for loss of her services.

The defense alleges that the station was announced; that she was asleep or for some reason did not get off at the proper place; that the train was stopped with the last car lapping the station platform, and Mrs. Case was helped by a brakeman, and escorted to the platform, and then the train went on. Because of sea-sickness, or a thick veil over her face, she fell off the edge of the platform and was bruised. The defense also alleges that Mrs. Case's present condition is not owing to injuries resulting from the fall, but, because of womb disease that has not been properly treated.

The jury were taken up to Berwick on Monday afternoon to view the ground, and again on Wednesday evening to see it at night, accompanied by Judge Ikeler and the counsel in the case.

Mrs. Case is represented by C. G.,

Barkley and H. M. Hinckley, Esqs. and the D. L. & W. R. R. Co. by Geo. E. Elwell, Everett Warren, of Scranton, and Fred Ikeler, Esqs. The case will probably close tomorrow.

#### J. BOYD MCKELVY.

Relatives in town received a telegram yesterday morning from Chicago informing them of the sad intelligence of the death of J. Boyd McKelvy, which occurred at the home of his mother in that city, at three o'clock Wednesday morning. He was sixteen years of age, a son of H. W. McKelvy, and a grandson of Dr. J. B. McKelvy, of this town. He was very delicate and had been in poor health for a number of years. He lived here until a few months ago, when his father sent him to a school in Kentucky, thinking the change might improve his health. He grew worse, however, and was taken to Chicago where he died.

Drink, and the gang drinks with you; swear off and you go it alone, for the bar room bum who drinks your rum has a quenchless thirst of his own. Feast and your friends are many; fast and they cut you dead; they'll not get mad if you treat them bad, so long as their stomachs are fed. Steal, if you get a million, for then you can furnish bail; it's the great big thief who gets out on leave, while the little one gets to jail. Advertise, and the dollars come to you; quit and they fail to come in, for what care the men who have money to spend, for the men who don't care to see him.

The first of a series of Progressive Euchre parties was held by members of the Bloomsburg Wheelmen at their club house Tuesday night. The first prize, a fine dress suit case was won by G. A. Clark, and the second prize, a walking stick was captured by Harry Achenbach, while the "booby" was awarded to Morris Broadt.

Bishop Talbot will administer the rite of confirmation in St. Paul's Church next Tuesday evening.

## THE PASSING CENTURY.

Old century, tottering to thy rest,  
Alas! dost thou beat thy breast;  
A new dawn glids the mountain crest.

The glory of thy wondrous day,  
With all its glitter and display,  
In twilight shadow dies away.

Almost the poet, in whose rhyme  
Thy praise is sung in verse sublime  
Begins his lay "Once on a time."

Strange fancies fill thy time-worn brain  
Thou dreamest thou art young again,  
With battle cry on land and main.

And a dread turmoil of unrest  
Embroids the Orient and the west  
Alarums sound at thy breast.

E'en Israel's children, in thy throes,  
Imagine o'er again their woes;  
And many a hope toward Zion goes.

The world is mad—men shout and cry—  
Beholding wonders in the sky,  
Renewing faith in prophecy.

Old century, we love thee well,  
Thy fame the chronicler will tell  
When long forgot thy funeral knell.

For many a noble thought hath sped  
To nobler action by thee led,  
And many a high-souled word has said.

New happiness came in thy wake.  
Righted was many an old mistake;  
An age-worn thirst thy springs did slake.

Rest thee—new hopes begin to play;  
They drive thy death-born fears away,  
And usher in the newer day.

Rest thee, brave requiem shall be thine,  
Whose lustrous deeds will long out-  
shine  
The strange vagaries of decline.

## THE WORLD'S JUDGMENT.

They were both guests at the same country house, that autumn. He was an artist, handsome, gifted, well born, but poor as the proverbial church mouse and proud as Lucifer. She was an heiress, who, on attaining her majority some three years ago, had come into about \$5,000 a year. Added to this attraction she was beautiful, clever and charming. She was bright, high-spirited and very independent, as suitors soon found to their cost.

"You'll be an old maid, Isabel," remonstrated the aunt with whom she lived. "You are nearly twenty-four, my dear."

"I don't care, auntie," laughed the young lady. "An old maid is as good as anything, a thousand times better than having a husband one doesn't care for. I'm not in love, dear, and so I mean to keep my freedom."

That was said—and said truly—some weeks before she came on this visit to Halcombe Grange and there met the artist, Eric Errington; but could she have said the same as truly now, when the visit was drawing to a close? The lips might, perhaps, the heart was another matter entirely, and she knew it. She was no tyro of a girl in her teens, but a woman who lived in the world and neither could nor would deceive herself. She knew that she loved Errington and he loved her, despite his proud reticence and silence. What woman could not read between the lines? What man could possibly at all times completely guard every look and tone and touch when thrown so constantly each day with the loved one? He is unconscious how or when his secret is betrayed to her.

But no one save Isabel Brandon herself suspected Errington's secret. He neither held aloof nor markedly sought her. But there were one or two others among the party who did so, and one day Major Glyn, the host, said half jestingly to Eric:

"My dear fellow, why don't you try your chance with the beautiful heiress and win a fortune, and therewith a speedy rise to fame?"

"Thank you, not I," said the artist, with a laugh and a shrug, to cover the deeper feelings stirred. "I have no intention of being ticketed 'fortune hunter' by the world or the fair lady herself. Even a poor artist may keep his pride and honor untarnished."

"But, Errington, nonsense!" Glyn said. "Suppose you really cared for a girl who happened to be rich?"

"So much the worse for me, Glyn," "You really mean that you wouldn't woo her or ask her hand?"

"Never," said the other.

This had passed on the terrace. Some one half behind the lace curtains of a window above drew back with quivering lips and heaving breast.

"Is this terrible gold of mine to be ever, then, a hopeless barrier between two lives?" Isabel muttered, locking her white hands. "He will never speak, never breathe a word, and I—what can I—the woman—say or do without shame? And yet—yet—is gold and a mistaken but noble pride and sense of honor to keep us apart forever? I know he loves me—would tell me so at once were I poor. Oh, it is cruel, cruel! Something ought—must be done, but what?"

There it was, she, the woman, was so helpless. And shortly after this the party broke up.

A month later the artist, one evening, received a letter from Isabel, and to his utter surprise and joy, oddly mixed with pain, she wished him to paint her portrait. Would he please call on her at 11 the next day. Of course, he would go, but how go through the ordeal without self-betrayal?

Isabel had to strive with herself much harder for the ordeal she had at length, with an infinite courage, resolved to face. Therefore was it she had named an hour free from all visitors, and when her aunt, Mrs. Brandon, would still be in her own apartment. One of the two, she saw, must cross the Rubicon and burn the boats behind if both their lives were to be saved from wreck, and since he would not, well, she, the heiress, must, whatsoever the cost.

When she was told he was in the drawing-room—when almost the actual moment had arrived—her heart sank, and at the very door she had to pause a minute to pull herself together. Then she went in. How the man's dark eyes lighted up! How unconsciously close was the clasp of his hand on hers! If he had had one fleeting doubt of his love, that second must have dispelled it.

"What a pleasure to see you again, Miss Brandon!" he said. "And what an honor you do me to let me paint your portrait!"

## STORIES OF THE DAY.

Two More in the Growing Series of Billy Mason Tales.

The latest story about Senator Billy Mason concerns the energetic Senator Chandler, of the Granite State. Long ago the large-hearted Illinois lawmaker had a friend whom he has, in recent years, lost sight of. The friend lived for a time in Illinois, and later tried his fortunes farther West, in the State of Colorado. There he participated in Republican politics, won the esteem of his fellow-workers, and early in the present session of congress was named by Major McKinley as Postmaster of his town. He had been here more than a week before the session, attempting to secure the appointment, and, being a poor man, was running very low in purse before his name reached the Senate. Then there was a long wait for confirmation, and he was on the verge of despair. Thus runs the preface in the Washington Post.

At last he came across the friend of his boyhood, Senator Mason, and to him he poured out the story of his trials. He had purchased a round-trip railroad ticket, the limit of which had nearly expired, and his nomination was still buried with a heap of similar other papers, and little chance of being reached.

"Just stay here for a minute," said Senator Mason, after listening patiently to his story. The meeting was in the Senate corridor, and the Senate was about to begin an executive session. The Illinois Senator entered the chamber and immediately called up the Colorado case, requesting confirmation at once.

"I object to that unless there are some unusual circumstances," put in Senator Chandler.

"Well, there are unusual circumstances," replied Senator Mason, and he began to talk pathetically of his friend's hardships. "Why, his wife died—"

"That is enough," interrupted Senator Chandler, peremptorily; "I withdraw my objection," and the nomination confirmed then and there.

"I didn't intend to deceive you," said Senator Mason to Senator Chandler a few minutes later, "but you didn't allow me to finish my sentence. This man's wife died two years ago."

Dean Stanley's Writing.

Dean Stanley's handwriting was so bad that when he answered an invitation for dinner, the hostess would sometimes write back asking if it was an acceptance or a refusal. When the first proofs of his book, entitled "Sinai and Palestine," came back to him, he was surprised to read that from the mountain of Sinai was visible "the horn of the burning bush."

Another astonishing statement in these same proof sheets was that on turning the shoulder of Mount Olivet in the walk from Bethany there suddenly burst on the spectator, a magnificent view of Jones! The word the Dean had meant to write was Jerusalem. Once when the Good Dean had indited a letter of reply to some working man who had asked him a certain question, the man wrote back that he wasn't used to the handwriting of the aristocracy, and couldn't make out the note, asking if His Honor would be so kind as to let someone else write his answer.

The Untrustworthy Liar.

Coming in on the Painesville car the other morning two real estate dealers were "talking shop." "I heard a man get off a pretty good thing about Dash and Blank the other day," said one of them. "What was it?" the other asked.

"He said: 'I'd much rather deal with Dash than with Blank.' Why so?" I inquired. "You know Dash is a man whom you can't believe under any circumstances." "That's the very reason I prefer him to Blank. Dash lies all the time, so you're never fooled by him, but Blank lies only half the time, and the great trouble is that you never know when he's doing it."

Questions Politely Answered.

Boston Conductor—"Fare, please." Passenger—"What is the fare?" "It is the tariff or tax levied by the corporation owning and controlling the charter and franchise of this street-car line on those persons who avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by the company to secure more rapid and agreeable transportation than pedal locomotion." "How much is the fare?" "Five cents, please."—Detroit Free Press.

Properly Timed.

It was at one of these restaurants where a small orchestra plays during the feeding hour.

A waiter let fall a tray of dishes. They struck the floor with a loud crash and much broken crockery resulted. "You awkward lout!" roared the head waiter. "See what you've done!"

"I dropped it exactly on time, anyhow," suddenly responded the other, who was a musician in reduced circumstances, "and it put a little life into that staccato passage those stiff fellows were trying to play."

True Chivalry.

A tramp accepted a McPherson woman who was shoveling snow off her sidewalk the other day, for something to eat. "Shovel this snow off," she said, "and I'll give you a dinner." He drew himself up to his full height, and replied: "Madam, do you think for a moment that I am so dead to the instincts of a gentleman as to enter into competition with a woman? Perish the thought!"

A Great Business Circular.

Reuben Rallicence—I see in the paper that the bank clearings in New York went up to forty million dollars one day in October.

"That's a record," said Rallicence. "I must have been the time of our country fair. That made things hum, I tell you!"

Was Hunting Trouble.

"I saw a big two-fisted fellow this morning who was looking for trouble."

"How was that?"

"He had a girl on his arm and was asking the way to the marriage license office."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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CORRECTED WEEKLY. RETAIL PRICES.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Butter per lb.           | 20         |
| Eggs per dozen           | 22         |
| Lard per lb.             | 07         |
| Ham per pound            | 10         |
| Pork, whole, per pound   | 06         |
| Beef, quarter, per pound | 07         |
| Wheat per bushel         | 1.00       |
| Oats " "                 | 30         |
| Rye " "                  | 30         |
| Wheat flour per bbl.     | 5.00       |
| Hay per ton              | 12 to \$14 |
| Potatoes per bushel, new | 80         |
| Turnips " "              | 25         |
| Onions " "               | 1.00       |
| Sweet potatoes per peck  | 35         |
| Tallow per lb.           | 05         |
| Shoulder " "             | 08         |
| Side meat " "            | 08         |
| Vinegar, per qt.         | 05         |
| Dried apples per lb.     | 05         |
| Dried cherries, pitted   | 12         |
| Raspberries              | 12         |
| Cow Hides per lb.        | 34         |
| Steer " "                | 05         |
| Calf Skin " "            | 80         |
| Sheep pelts              | 75         |
| Shelled corn per bus.    | 50         |
| Corn meal, cwt.          | 1.50       |
| Bran, " "                | 85         |
| Chop " "                 | 90         |
| Middlings " "            | 85         |
| Chickens per lb new      | 08         |
| " " old                  | 08         |
| Turkeys " "              | 12 1/2     |
| Geese " "                | 14         |
| Ducks " "                | 08         |
| COAL                     |            |
| No. 6, delivered         | 2.60       |
| " 4 and 5 "              | 3.85       |
| " 6 at yard              | 2.35       |
| " 4 and 5 at yard        | 3.60       |

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## WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11th, 1898.

Hard things have been said of Mr. McKinley by the friends of Cuba on the floors of the Senate and House, but no American has said such insulting things of him as were said in a letter signed with the name of his great and good friend, Senor de Lome, Spanish Minister to the U. S., which was this week published. Not only was Mr. McKinley grossly insulted by name in this letter, but he was jeered at for allowing himself to be fooled by the force of autonomy in Cuba and the pretence of Spain that it wishes to negotiate a reciprocity treaty that would give this country all the trade of Cuba and Porto Rico. It is doubtless because of grief that his great and good friend should have such an opinion of him that Mr. McKinley did not send de Lome his passport at once, instead of writing to have it fully proven that the letter was written and signed by de Lome, by his resignation. This letter was made public by the Cuban Junta, which has the original in its possession, and it does not open the eyes of Mr. McKinley to the real situation and cause him to either recognize the independence of Cuba or to intervene by force, it will convince all of the people that a great mistake was made in electing him President—About 7,000,000 are already convinced. If he acts quick, he may get some credit, but if he delays, Congress will force him to act and he will get no credit. The feeling that the time for action has come was plainly manifested in the Senate while Senators Cannon, of Utah, Mason of Ill., and Allen, of Nebraska, were speaking on the Cuban resolutions which have been offered by each of them.

In order that he might meet them all and at the same time show his appreciation of their loyalty to him during the recent deadlock, Senator Gorman entertained all of the democratic members of the Maryland legislature, except two who were kept away by sickness, at a dinner in Washington this week. Not a man who attended that dinner regards Senator Gorman as out of politics.

If the democrats, the populists, and the silver republicans had not made that agreement to act together in the Congressional campaign, Representative Plowman, of Ala., would not have been ousted out of his seat in the House, by the votes of the republican majority. The republicans voted to give the seat to Aldrich, who ran as a populist candidate and was supported by republicans, not because they thought he was entitled to it, but because they thought the case could be used to divide the democrats and populists in some Congressional districts in which republicans cannot possibly win if the democratic and populists votes are cast for a single candidate.

Mr. McKinley has not forgotten to take good care of his personal friends. Another one of them, Mr. Wm. J. Calhoun, of Ill., who it will be remembered was sent to Cuba as the personal and confidential representative of Mr. McKinley, last spring, has been given a fat berth. Mr. Calhoun is to get the position on the Inter State Commerce Commission vacated by the retirement of Hon. Wm. R. Morrison, the old democratic war horse of Illinois. A Pennsylvania man was stated for this position, but so many vigorous protests were received from labor organizations that Mr. McKinley was afraid to appoint him.

Boss Hanna is again asserting his power. He kept very quiet for awhile after he returned from his late Ohio shopping expedition, but he this week compelled Mr. McKinley to carry out the terms of a bargain made at the St. Louis convention, in the face of protests not only from the people of the city directly interested and the entire Georgia delegation in Congress, but from members of his own Cabinet. This bargain has brought about the nomination of J. H. Deveau, a negro politician who helped Hanna control the Georgia delegation to the St. Louis convention, to be Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga. The excuse given by Mr. McKinley to Representative Lester, of Ga., who called at the White House to make a personal protest in the name of every merchant who does business with the Savannah Custom House against the nomination of a negro to be collector, was not calculated to add to the respect for him by the white people of Georgia, or of any other State. He said in effect that instead of kicking, the white people of Georgia ought to thank him, because he had not appointed negro postmasters at Savannah and Augusta, as he had at one time intended to do. The democrats may not succeed in preventing the confirmation of this negro's nomination by the Senate, but there is consolation in the knowledge that every negro put in an office of this sort makes additional democratic votes.

Representative Dingley should give Senator Hale, of his State, a little coaching on "prosperity." When Mr. Hale was attempting, as usual, to de-

fend Spain when it had been attacked by other Senators, he incidentally mentioned that there were a million idle men in the U. S. Now, surely no sane man would call a country the size of the U. S. prosperous while a million men are idle.

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## Faithless County Officials.

On the conviction of the Schuylkill county commissioners, the Philadelphia Times makes these forceful comments:

It is not an uncommon occurrence for Schuylkill county officials to get into court on charges of dereliction of duty in office. The latest litigation of this kind terminated Saturday at Pottsville in the conviction of the three county commissioners for misdemeanor in office after a trial of four weeks' duration.

The counts in the indictments numbered thirty-two, upon nineteen of which the defendants were convicted. They secured acquittal upon thirteen. The acts complained of were making temporary loans without proper authority, the expenditure of money without warrant of law for traveling expenses, lobbying against proposed legislation, junkets, banquets, the letting of illegal contracts and other sins of omission and commission.

The charge of Judge Bechtel as to the legal responsibilities of the county commissioners is one which the officials of every county would do well to read and remember. The meat of it was to the effect that when county officials take upon themselves the office to which they are elected they are not only invested with the powers conferred, but charged with the performance of the duties required by law, and that on failure to discharge these duties, whether through ignorance, negligence, bad faith, fraud or corruption, they are liable to indictment and conviction for misdemeanor in office. Not even the plea of ignorance is admissible, as it is the business of the officer to acquaint himself with the legal obligations of his office before accepting and entering upon its duties.

The conviction of the Schuylkill county commissioners of misdemeanor in office should serve a wider and more far-reaching purpose than the punishment of these derelict officials. It should serve as a warning to all county officials that public office is a public trust, to be administered in the public interest, in strict accordance with the requirements of law, and that any official who fails to administer his office in this spirit does so at his peril. The modern notion that public office is a private snap is not only a fallacy in law and practice, but a dangerous fallacy to any official who persists in following it.—Ez.

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## Were Nearly Starved.

Loaf of Bread All a Preacher's Family Had One Day.

Jersey Shore citizens have found an extreme case of poverty in their midst. The family is that of Rev. Mr. Garner, pastor of the A. M. E. church. The Spirit says a four cent loaf of bread was all that he and his family of seven children had to sustain life for one day last week. This he divided among his children, and ate nothing himself. The little ones could not sleep and about 2 o'clock at night their cries awoke him and when he inquired if they were cold they said "no, they were hungry." He left the house and made his wants known. He received some money that night and since then the citizens have taken steps to see that the family is well provided for.

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## SCIENTIFIC SOBRAPS.

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On an average, man's physical strength begins to decay at the age of thirty-six.

A curious present for a deaf person in Germany is a fan, deftly concealing a tiny ear trumpet in its stick.

The temperature of the cucumber has been found to be one degree below that of the surrounding atmosphere.

According to French figures, a man adds eleven years to his theoretical and statistical life by marrying at the age of thirty.

The most powerful microscope ever invented has just been perfected by Professor E. L. Gates of Washington, D. C. Its magnifying power is 3,000,000 diameters.

Lighthouses in Denmark are supplied with oil, which is pumped on the waves during a storm. This explains the fact that two or three vessels are always to be seen round each lighthouse in rough weather.

At present the world's production of nickel is considerably in excess of the consumption, but as there are but four or five districts in the world where it is worked the price is maintained by controlling the actual production. The world's total output last year was about 4603 metric tons.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The "eyesight" test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

According to the statement of the Engineering and Mining Journal, an authority on mining matters, the new Klondike placers may be expected to produce about \$60,000,000 in gold. This statement is admittedly limited by the fact that there has been no systematic examination of the alluvial deposits to admit of an exact determination.

A strongly phosphorescent strontium sulphide has been investigated by Professor Mourelle of Madrid. The pure compound shows no phosphorescence, the presence of a small quantity of alkali seeming to be necessary and a trace of subnitrate of bismuth of advantage. After cooling from a high temperature slowly, the substance is made strongly phosphorescent by even a very little light. Pulverization destroys this property, which may be restored by long heating with starch.

Mexico has now become a producer of sulphur, aside from that which is obtained from the crater of Popocatepeti for local consumption, a trial consignment having been received recently at Yuma from the mines in Lower California, which are being exploited by an American company. Arrangements for the construction of an aerial tramway to bring sulphur on a large scale from the summit of Popocatepeti to the foot of the mountain have been discussed for a long time, and surveys have been made.

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## Martial Law for Alaska.

While the Populists, Anarchists, and the various odds and ends of other political and social organizations, are clamoring for larger liberty, the people of Alaska are asking for less. The inhabitants of that Territory have petitioned the war department asking for 800 troops to be sent there at once, and the martial law be declared for the protection of persons and property. The petitioners say as many as 300 passengers are landed at Dyea daily, on an average, and that many criminals are included among them; so many, in fact, that some stronger government than they have at present is needed for protection. They ask martial law to be declared in all parts of the Territory. A strong appeal is made to the Washington authorities to meet the emergency, and as Alaska is practically without government we hardly see how Congress can fail to listen to them.—Ez.

"There now," said the lady of the house as she came from the front door with a flimsy yellow dodger in her hand, "I won't trade a cents' worth with that man. Sending a lot of impudent boys around to ring door bells and leave his nasty dodgers telling about a fake clearance sale. Them doughnuts have burned while I was answering the bell, and it's all his fault. If he would advertise in the papers I could read it after I get my work done. It makes me so mad!" And she tucked the dodger under the doughnut kettle and rolled up her sleeves again.

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Fill the oil tank with fresh oil each day and never fill it quite full. Let there be at least an inch and a half free at the top of the tank.

Wipe the outside of the oil tank and of the whole lamp perfectly dry. The oily exterior is a frequent cause of disagreeable odors.

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Once a month boil the burners in vinegar. A burner treated to this bath and dried thoroughly, supplied with a fresh wick, gives a light by which it is a pleasure to read, write or sew.

## It Was Time Long Ago.

It is announced in a dispatch from Madrid that "the cost of the Cuban war from February, 1895, to the end of 1897, is officially estimated at \$240,000,000, besides the arrears due from the Cuban treasury, amounting to \$40,000,000." From the above figures it will be observed that the cost to Spain, in money, of attempting to suppress the insurrection in Cuba is over \$700,000 a month. Most, if not all, of the quarter of a billion dollars already expended by the Madrid government represents capital borrowed from European sources. It is understood that Americans have filed claims for damages suffered in Cuba, since the insurrection was inaugurated, of from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000. As Uncle Sam is expected to guard the interests of his citizens, it looks as if it was about time for the American government to foreclose on Cuba.—Ez.

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## BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

| STATIONS.              | A.M.  | P.M. | A.M.  | P.M. |
|------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| NORTHUMBERLAND.....    | 6:25  | 1:00 | 10:00 | 5:50 |
| CAMERON.....           | 6:38  | 1:13 | 10:13 | 6:03 |
| Lock Haven.....        | 6:50  | 1:25 | 10:25 | 6:15 |
| Danville.....          | 7:03  | 1:38 | 10:38 | 6:28 |
| Catawissa.....         | 7:09  | 1:44 | 10:44 | 6:34 |
| Rupert.....            | 7:16  | 1:51 | 10:51 | 6:41 |
| Bloomsburg.....        | 7:23  | 1:58 | 11:00 | 6:48 |
| Espy.....              | 7:30  | 2:05 | 11:07 | 6:55 |
| Lime Ridge.....        | 7:38  | 2:13 | 11:15 | 7:03 |
| Willow Grove.....      | 7:46  | 2:21 | 11:23 | 7:11 |
| Brickerville.....      | 7:54  | 2:29 | 11:31 | 7:19 |
| Berwick.....           | 8:02  | 2:37 | 11:39 | 7:27 |
| Beach Haven.....       | 8:10  | 2:45 | 11:47 | 7:35 |
| Hick's Ferry.....      | 8:18  | 2:53 | 11:55 | 7:43 |
| Slicksiding.....       | 8:26  | 3:01 | 12:03 | 7:51 |
| Hunk's.....            | 8:34  | 3:09 | 12:11 | 7:59 |
| Nanticoke.....         | 8:42  | 3:17 | 12:19 | 8:07 |
| Wyndale.....           | 8:50  | 3:25 | 12:27 | 8:15 |
| Plymouth.....          | 8:58  | 3:33 | 12:35 | 8:23 |
| Plymouth Junction..... | 9:06  | 3:41 | 12:43 | 8:31 |
| West Pittston.....     | 9:14  | 3:49 | 12:51 | 8:39 |
| Bennett.....           | 9:22  | 3:57 | 12:59 | 8:47 |
| Forty Fort.....        | 9:30  | 4:05 | 1:07  | 8:55 |
| Wyndale.....           | 9:38  | 4:13 | 1:15  | 9:03 |
| Susquehanna Ave.....   | 9:46  | 4:21 | 1:23  | 9:11 |
| Pittston.....          | 9:54  | 4:29 | 1:31  | 9:19 |
| Duryea.....            | 10:02 | 4:37 | 1:39  | 9:27 |
| Lock Haven.....        | 10:10 | 4:45 | 1:47  | 9:35 |
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| Bellevue.....          | 6:05 |       |      |      |
| Taylor.....            | 6:10 | 10:28 | 1:30 | 8:10 |
| Lock Haven.....        | 6:15 | 10:33 | 1:35 | 8:15 |
| Scranton.....          | 6:22 | 10:38 | 1:42 | 8:21 |
| Bellevue.....          | 6:28 | 10:43 | 1:48 | 8:27 |
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| Scranton.....          | 6:45 | 10:53 | 1:55 | 8:37 |
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| Wilmington.....        | 6:59 | 10:53 | 2:03 | 8:48 |
| Forty Fort.....        | 6:45 |       |      |      |
| Scranton.....          | 6:54 | 11:00 | 2:09 | 8:54 |
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| Pittston.....          | 6:59 |       | 2:51 |      |
| Plymouth Junction..... | 7:04 | 11:12 | 2:51 | 7:03 |
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| Nanticoke.....         | 7:14 | 11:20 | 3:02 | 7:13 |
| Scranton.....          | 7:19 | 11:25 | 3:07 | 7:18 |
| Scranton.....          | 7:20 | 11:30 | 3:10 | 7:20 |
| Shickleshiny.....      | 7:31 | 11:41 | 3:19 | 7:31 |
| Scranton.....          | 7:36 | 11:50 | 3:25 | 7:36 |
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| Beach Haven.....       | 7:54 | 11:55 | 3:42 | 7:54 |
| Berwick.....           | 8:00 | 12:00 | 3:49 | 8:00 |
| Harrisburg.....        | 8:00 | 12:00 | 3:49 | 8:00 |
| Scranton.....          | 8:04 | 12:10 | 3:59 | 8:11 |
| Little Ridge.....      | 8:10 | 12:15 | 4:04 | 8:16 |
| Scranton.....          | 8:14 | 12:21 | 4:11 | 8:21 |
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| Rupert.....            | 8:34 | 12:52 | 4:37 | 8:38 |
| Scranton.....          | 8:40 | 12:56 | 4:38 | 8:41 |
| Scranton.....          | 8:45 | 12:58 | 4:39 | 8:46 |
| Danville.....          | 8:51 |       | 4:40 |      |
| Scranton.....          | 8:54 | 12:58 | 4:41 | 8:54 |
| Cameron.....           | 9:05 | 12:58 | 4:51 | 9:10 |
| NORTHUMBERLAND.....    | 9:50 | 1:10  | 5:58 | 9:59 |

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1898.

## CANDIDATES.

FOR STATE SENATOR,  
W. H. RHAWN  
of Catawissa.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,  
C. J. SCHLICHER  
of Beaver township.

At last Hastings has joined the Wanamaker crowd. It took Dan a good while to discover what side of his bread was buttered.

The recent insulting letter of the Spanish Minister De Lome has given President McKinley ample opportunity to demonstrate where he stands on the Cuban question. But he remains quiet and the mere fact that De Lome has resigned seems to satisfy him. Making use of the slang expression "we are dead slow."

Favor Judge Gordon.

The Democrats of the Eastern Part of the State Approve Him.

Judge James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, seems to be the unanimous choice of the Democracy of the eastern part of the state for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. His record, since he went on the common pleas bench in 1886, has been such that he enjoys the respect and confidence of the people of Philadelphia without regard to political affections. He was the first common pleas judge in the state to compel the opening of ballot boxes in election contests without requiring the contestant to prove fraud at the outset of his contest. His decision sent many election officers to the penitentiary and has had a beneficial effect upon the manner of conducting elections in that heretofore rotten city.

## IT IS POSTPONED.

Chairman Garman Can't Attend the Harmony Meeting.

Democratic State Chairman John M. Garman has issued the following circular:

Wilkesbarre, Feb. 12.—Dear Sir—On the 9th instant an invitation was sent to a number of leading Democrats throughout the state to meet me at Harrisburg on Thursday evening, the 17th instant, for a party conference. Inasmuch as the trial of the sheriff and his deputies for the shooting of striking miners at Lattimer is now on, and as it will be in progress next Thursday, making my attendance at the proposed conference impossible and because I do not want to call a meeting officially as Democratic chairman when I cannot be present and participate in the deliberations, I deem it best to postpone said conference. You are therefore notified that the meeting as announced will not be held. It is with great regret that this announcement is made, for a meeting as proposed would have been a pleasant and profitable one.

"While, however, the proposed conference of Democrats would be pleasant and conclusive to good party fellowship, my advice from all parts of the commonwealth indicate that the Democrats are thoroughly awake to the situation, and the encouraging disposition everywhere manifested to select the wisest and most conservative Democrats as delegates to the next state convention leads me to believe that that body will act with such prudence as to insure for the party the best and most harmonious results, both as to candidates and the declaration of Democratic principles.

"Regretting, therefore, that we cannot have the pleasure of getting together as anticipated, and bespeaking your most earnest and persistent efforts for our party's success, I am yours very respectfully.

JOHN M. GARMAN,  
Chairman Democratic State Central Committee.

## No Work for Witnesses.

Josep Meki, one of the witnesses in the Lattimer shooting case at Wilkesbarre, after being on the stand on Thursday and testifying for the prosecution, he reported at 7 o'clock Friday morning at mines at Harwood. He says the foreman remarked to him; "you were on the stand yesterday, and you lied. You can't have no more work here." Many more of the witnesses have shared the same fate.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Report of sale of real estate of M. A. Williams, confirmed nisi.

Petition asking for the erection of a soldiers monument, approved by the Grand Jury.

J. W. Kile estate, Report of sale confirmed nisi.

Geo. W. Foy, who plead guilty of stealing chickens stated that he had nothing to say why sentence should not be pronounced. The sentence of the Court was that he pay a fine of \$200, and imprisonment at labor in Eastern Penitentiary for one year and six months.

In the case of Anthony Cain, John Farrel, Michael Shern and Barnard Farrel charged with aggravated assault and battery, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty on the second count and not guilty on the first. They were sentenced to each pay a fine of \$100, each one-third of the costs, within thirty days and give bail to the Sheriff within ten days to do so.

The Grand Jury brought in four indictments against Daniel P. Conner. Two charging him with adultery, and two with felonious rape. The case was continued, on agreement of Counsel, to May term. The prosecutor is Michael Ohl.

Page Hawkins vs. Sallie Hawkins. Divorce. Alias Subpoena awarded.

All the jurors were discharged Wednesday morning from further attendance at this court.

Com. vs. Robt. Jones. Charge, larceny. Not a true bill.

Public bridges over West branch of Fishingcreek in Sugarloaf twp, Grand Jury reports in favor of county bridges.

Com. vs. Dan'l Anderson. Charge adultery. Not a true bill and prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Tillie Fox. Charge fornication. Not a true bill and prosecutrix to pay the costs.

Jno. A. Dildine appointed Judge of election of West Greenwood election district to fill vacancy caused by resignation of G. E. Beck.

Samuel Miller appointed Constable to attend the elections in West Greenwood district.

Lizzie G. Gray vs. D. I. Gray, Divorce. Newton Walker is appointed commissioner to take testimony.

The Grand Jury closed their work Wednesday afternoon and handed in the following report:

We have examined the public buildings and find that the spouting at the west front corner of the Court House needs repairing, that the girders on ceiling of vault in Prothonotary's office should be repainted and the vault re-papered; that some of the seats in the Main Court room need repairing and suggested that the empty boxes on the East side of Court House should be removed. In all other respects we find the public buildings to be in good condition.

A. B. HERRING, Foreman.

## SECOND WEEK.

Order of sale granted in estate of Mary Gunther.

Order of sale granted in estate of Daniel Mericle, deceased.

Judgments in open Court for want of appearance and affidavit of defense &c., in following cases:

Creveling vs. Sharretts.

Citz. B. & L. Asso. vs. Laughlin et al.

Marks vs. Kostenbauder.

Colbine & Shane vs. Maier.

Supplee vs. Krepneck et al.

Honeberger vs. Stokes et al.

Albertson vs. Reice, Adm'.

Ikeler vs. Keystone F. M. Co.

A. C. Drum's appointment as Judge of election of N. E. election district of Berwick is affirmed.

Estate of Wesley E. Nuss. J. H. Maize is appointed auditor.

Estate of Jacob Moyer Estate. Rule granted to be served upon Mrs. A. L. Martz to take depositions in support of exceptions filed by her May 11, 1897, within 20 days or show cause.

Estate of Mary J. Vanhorn, dec'd. C. A. Small is appointed auditor.

Mary M. Faust estate. H. A. McKillip is appointed auditor.

Savilla Faust estate. H. A. McKillip is appointed auditor.

Trespass case of Martha A. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. taken up Monday a. m. Jury and Constable with showers went to Berwick to visit the scene of the accident.

Recognition of Edward White in the sum of \$500 for appearance of John White at next term of Court.

Jos. W. Eves, M. W. Shoemaker and James T. Lawton appointed viewers to lay out a road to extend from 5th St. near residence of J. S. Woods to Berwick road near house of Wm. Hartzell.

S. R. Pealer, Louis Cohen and C. B. Ohl appointed viewers to lay out a public road in Greenwood township near Clem Watts' barn.

Samuel Neyhard, G. W. Knouse and John Kline appointed viewers to lay out a road in Greenwood near Wm. Davis' barn.

J. C. Brown, P. S. Karschner and James Quick appointed viewers, in matter of petition to vacate public road in Orange and Fishingcreek townships, and the order heretofore issued to open the original road if not executed already is stayed pending

these proceedings.

Wm. P. Ikeler use vs. John Mourey et al. Verdict for plaintiff for \$65.

The jury in the case of W. P. Ikeler vs. John Mourey, after being out from five o'clock Monday afternoon returned at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon with a verdict of \$65 and interest for plaintiff. The case only involved \$120.10 and interest, and was brought by W. P. Ikeler, against John Mourey, as Sheriff, alleging that through the negligence of the Sheriff, he had lost that amount.

In the matter of the Sheriff's sale of the Novelty Works, exceptions filed to confirmation nisi of sale. Rule granted.

J. R. Fowler's Assignee vs. R. K. Crist with notice to Margaret Crist, Executrix. Judgment against Garnehee for the sum of \$119.56.

## Bloom Poor District Vote.

Hagenbuch, R. 1213  
Rhoads, D. 987½  
Trivelpiece, D. 164  
Cox, P. 341  
Sharpless, Ind. 390

SUGARLOAF, N.  
Hagenbuch, R. 46  
Rhoads, D. 59  
Trivelpiece, D. 16½  
Cox, P. 217½  
Sharpless, Ind. 3

SUGARLOAF, S.  
Hagenbuch, R. 17  
Rhoads, D. 16½  
Trivelpiece, D. 17½  
Cox, P. 212

SCOTT, E.  
Hagenbuch, R. 75  
Rhoads, D. 137  
Trivelpiece, D. 10  
Cox, P. 20  
Sharpless, Ind. 235

SCOTT, W.  
Hagenbuch, R. 56  
Rhoads, D. 5  
Trivelpiece, D. 46  
Cox, P. 47  
Sharpless, Ind. 129

GREENWOOD, E.  
Hagenbuch, R. 28½  
Rhoads, D. 19  
Trivelpiece, D. 128½  
Cox, P. 321  
Sharpless, Ind. 7

GREENWOOD, W.  
Hagenbuch, R. 4  
Rhoads, D. 27½  
Cox, P. 131½  
Trivelpiece, D. 95  
Sharpless, Ind. 20

MILLVILLE BOROUGH.  
Hagenbuch, R. 47  
Rhoads, D. 16  
Trivelpiece, D. 56  
Cox, P. 230  
Miller, Ind. 3

## THE TOTAL VOTE.

\*Hagenbuch 1489½  
\*Rhoads 1277½  
\*Trivelpiece 533½  
\*Cox 1521  
Sharpless 780

This elects Hagenbuch, Rhoades and Cox, Republican, Democrat and Prohibitionist.

## The Origin of Valentine's Day.

In England and Scotland, on this day, each young bachelor and maid received by lot one of the opposite sex as "valentine" for the year.

It was a kind of mock betrothal and was marked by the giving of presents.

The usage no doubt grew out of the old notion, alluded to by Chaucer and Shakespeare, that on this day birds choose their mates.

Several saints of this name of Valentine (one of them a martyr at Rome under Claudius) were venerated on February 14.

Some hold Valentine's day is observed in commemoration of St. Valentine, a Christian martyr, who was decapitated in 270 A. D., during the Claudian persecution at Rome.

It is not improbable that Valentine's day owes its origin to a commemoration of the loving and charitable disposition of St. Valentine.

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Enameled steel covered boilers, 35c and 42c ea.  
10½ in. steel fry pans, 10c ea.  
Rattan carpet beaters, 10c ea.  
Cotton batts, 6, 10, 12½ ea.  
Jardiniers, assorted colors, gilt decoration, 10c ea.

Square dinner pails, 20c ea.  
No. 9 wash boilers, 48 and 75c ea.  
50 lb. japanned lard cans, 35c ea.  
2 qt. covered buckets, 4c ea.  
White granite egg cups, 80c doz.  
White granite meat plates, 10, 12, 14, 24c ea.

White granite handled cups and saucers, 45c set.  
Rockingham tea pots, 10, 15, 20c ea.  
Common table tumblers, 25c doz.  
Heavy Hotel goblets, 75c doz.  
Decorated china cups and saucers, 10, 15, 25c ea.

10 qt. tin buckets, 10c ea.  
10 qt. milk strainer pails, 22c ea.  
Wash boards, 10, 25, 30c ea.  
10 qt. enameled steel pails, 35c ea.  
Nickel alarm clocks, 75c ea.  
Wood tooth picks, 3c box of 2500.

12 in. hand saws, 10c ea.  
McCormick's Iron Glue, 4c bottle.  
Tar soap, 3 cakes for 10c.  
Wood rolling pins, 10c ea.  
Mucilage, 3c bottle.  
Large feather dusters, 20c ea.  
Butterick Patterns for March now ready.

March Delineators, 15c  
Glass of Fashion for March, 5c  
Fashion sheets free.

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

## REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned Administrator of Mary C. Gruver, deceased, will expose to sale the following described real estate:

VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT, situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south-east side of Third street, in said Town, twenty-five and one-sixteenth feet west from line of lot of lands of the Catholic church and running thence westwardly along said Third street thirty-five feet, more or less, to an alley; thence southwardly along said alley to line of land of S. C. Shive on the rear of the premises hereby conveyed; thence along the same eastwardly thirty-five feet, more or less, to line of land of the Catholic church aforesaid; thence northwardly by the same to the place of beginning, containing twenty and fifteen sixteenths perches of land, more or less, on which are erected a two-story

## FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

AND STABLE.

Sale to be held on the premises on  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1898,  
at 2 o'clock p. m. Conditions made known on day of sale.

JOHN M. GARMAN,  
Ikeler & Ikeler, Attys. Administrator.

## MILLVILLE BOROUGH WINS THE FLAG.

JOHN G. McHENRY,  
Demo. County Chairman.

Dear Sir—

The Committee appointed by you, having examined the Democratic vote as polled at the recent State Election and having compared it with the Bryan vote of '96 finds that the District of Millville is entitled to the Flag offered as a reward to the District polling the greatest percentage of Democratic votes.

Respectfully

JOHN K. MILLER,  
E. E. GARR,  
W. C. JOHNSTON.

## Our SPECIAL SALE of Table Linen and Napkins for the next two weeks.

The Power of Prices, as we have figured them down to command the attention of the public, cannot fail to make a clean sweep of such desirable merchandise.

This business has established one Self-evident Fact on that score. We never buy shoddy imitations, and therefore never have to offer unsalable rubbish.

## Table Linen and Napkins.

65 pieces of Table Linen, and you will find every piece a Rare Bargain, go on sale at our store to-day. The new tariff has advanced these goods from 15 to 25 per cent., but you will find our prices lower than the good people of Bloomsburg have ever seen offered.

Bleached Damask, from 25c the yard to \$2.00 the yard.

Unbleached Damask from 20c the yard to 75c the yard.

We will sell at these prices for the next two weeks.

100 doz. Napkins go on sale at the same time. These you will find at the prevailing prices which are demonstrating the economy of trading at our store.

## Muslin.

We put on sale to-day one case of Bleached Muslin, worth 8c per yd. We will let this one case go 10 yards for 58c. We will sell one bale of the best fine unbleached muslin, that we have never sold for less than 7c the yard, we will sell this one bale out at 10 yds. for 53c.

## Domestics.

One case of Cocheco Madder Prints, the best we can buy, at 4½c per yard.

One case of light Calico, all new patterns for Spring, the best make we can buy, at 4c yd.

One case American Indigo Blue Prints, all good patterns, 5c per yard.

One bale of unbleached muslin, as good quality as Appleton A, in lengths from 2 yds. to 10, at 4c per yard.

One bale of best fine Muslin,

make, Cameron D. A muslin that bleaches easily and washes soft, 10 yards for 50c.

25 pieces of Sea Island Percale, 36 in. wide, best percale made, good patterns, worth 12½ cts., go in this sale at 10c.

9-4 fine unbleached Sheeting, 12½c yd.

## Embroidery.

We place on sale to-day 4 lots of Embroidery, 12 pieces in each lot, with insertion to match.

Lot No. 1 at 5c., worth 8c.

" " 2 at 10c., " 15c.

" " 3 at 12c., " 16c.

" " 4 at 18c., " 25c.

## Silks.

600 yards of fine Grosgrain Silk, in almost any color you may want. These silks will give you better service than Taffeta. They are worth \$1.00 per yard, but we will sell them for the next 10 days for 50c. Also black Taffeta, 24 in. wide, extra good quality, at 75c the yard, worth \$1.00.

## Groceries.

We invite you to come to our Grocery Department and you will find we have not neglected to include these in our sale.

Austin, Nichols & Co. Sunbeam Tomatoes, the best goods that are canned in this country, reduced to 2 cans for 25c.

Wainwright & Co. Tomatoes reduced to 10c or 3 cans for 25c.

Good, whole rice, 5c the lb.

Prunes, 5c the pound.

Chase & Sanborn 28c Coffee reduced to 22c.

Arbuckle and Levering, 10c the lb.

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Genuine Dongola Kid, with good soles and counters, always have sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50. They are small sizes, and for that reason go at \$1.00 a pair. They'll not be here long at these prices. If you can't wear them your children can, and they are just as big a bargain for them as for you.

This is weather for gum shoes and gum boots. We have them at lowest prices. Men's gum boots \$2.00.

## CORSER'S BLOOMSBURG.

### The Central League.

The latest suggestion in reference to the Central Pennsylvania Base Ball League is for an eight club circuit, including Tyrone, Bellefonte, Lock Haven, Williamsport, Sunbury, Bloomsburg and Shamokin. This would enable the clubs to play every day. Nothing has been done so far in the towns towards putting a club in the league, but with the coming of spring no doubt the "fans" will be red hot for it. A meeting of the league will be called to be held within the next month or six weeks.

### Another Game Preserve.

Another big game preserve is to be established in Blair and Huntingdon counties. Six thousand acres of mountain land have been purchased for the purpose. The land is already prolific in native game, and will be further stocked on the European plan with all kinds of game, birds and animals. An association for its membership and control will be organized in the near future.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1898.

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### OUR OFFERS FOR 1898.

We are able to offer our subscribers some special inducements for advance payments for 1898.

The COLUMBIAN, and New York World, three times a week, \$1.65.  
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### BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Miss Mattie Martin of Hazleton, has been visiting friends in town the past week.

L. J. Townsend and family of Berwick, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Miss M. Stitzel of McEwensville, was the pleasant guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kiddle over Sunday.

Miss Elsie Thompson, an estimable young lady of Montoursville, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Evert on East Third Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hartman of Buckhorn, Sunday with their son, F. B. Hartman in town.

Russell H. Kams, a prominent politician and Ex-Representative, of Sullivan, was seen on our streets Tuesday. He was accompanied by his son.

O. A. Stonger, proprietor of the Grovania Hotel, came up to town on Monday. He intends building an addition to his hotel building, as the present size of the building is inadequate to satisfy the public demand.

William Boush of Williamsport, assistant electrician of the Central Penna. Telephone Company, was in town Monday, making some alterations on the switch board of the local exchange.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

A good likeness of Gehrad Snyder, of the Exchange Hotel, appeared in Sunday's Philadelphia Inquirer.

Class No. 2 of the Baptist Sunday School will give an oyster supper at the Baptist Parsonage, Rock Street, Feb. 18. Supper from 5 till 10.

Leases that will collect the rent of the whole year if tenant leaves before expiration of term, also notices to quit, for sale at this office.

The Ladies' Exchange Sale of dressed chickens, prepared meats, pies, cakes, etc. will be held as usual in Clark's basement on Saturday morning.

Miss Ida Benfey, the American Story Teller, delighted an appreciative audience in the Normal Auditorium on Monday night. Her facial expressions are truly wonderful, and her voice was grand. She recited Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables." This was the third number of the Students' Lecture Course.

## Gold Fish

We have placed ourselves in position to supply our customers with something which is so instructive, entertaining and beautiful, that people wonder why they did not get them long ago. We refer to

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Gold Fish, 20c. each.  
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W. S. RISHTON, Ph. C.,

opposite P. O.

Pharmacist.

Frank Paxton, brother of Lloyd Paxton of Rupert, died at his home in Philadelphia on Friday. A wife and one daughter survive.

The well known quintette, Reilly, Tasker, Hummer, Hower and Maize, will appear at the performance of "A Prisoner of War" at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights.

Judging from the lot of advanced spring style of hats received by our local clothing dealers last week, the fashionable color of next summer's headwear will be exceedingly light.

S. B. Karnes, was on Tuesday admitted to practice law at the bar of this county. He is a son of Hon. Russel Karnes of Laporte, Sullivan County.

Cail and see samples of our new lithographing printing for all kinds of commercial work. It is new and very pretty, and costs no more than other printing. THE COLUMBIAN office. tf.

The Lattimer shooting case is still going on at Wilkesbarre, but it is only a waste of time and expenditure of money. The prosecution told all it knew over a week ago, and it is only a case of rehash.

George W. Welliver will sell a car load of fine Ohio horses, at the Exchange Hotel stables Saturday afternoon, February 19, beginning at one o'clock sharp. Persons wishing to purchase good sound horses will do well to attend this sale.

The following letters are advertised February 15th, 1898. Leidy & Moyer, Miss Mary Jacobs. Cards. Charles Newhard, Mr. John Miller, Parson Robison. Will be sent to the dead letter office March 1, 1898.

JAMES H. MERCER, P. M.

The Bloomsburg Wheelmen will hold the second of a series of pool tournaments, at their headquarters on Third Street, tonight. There will probably be about twenty-four contestants. These tournaments are creating considerable interest.

A country editor puts the old question in a new shape, and says to his subscribers: "Brother, don't stop your paper just because you don't agree with the editor. The last cabbage you sent didn't agree with us either, but we didn't drop you from our subscription list just on that account."

Mrs. Elizabeth Yohe, died at the home of her son-in-law, Henry Ludlow, Saturday afternoon, aged about eighty years. She is survived by a husband and six children, as well as twenty-three grand-children and thirteen great-grand-children. Mrs. Yohe has been an active member of the Evangelical church for more than forty-five years. The funeral took place Monday.

Three tramps held up Bud Geiger at Milton early Sunday morning, and after taking everything he had in his pockets, made him take off his shoes and hand them over, and he was compelled to walk home in his stocking feet. Beggars and bums are becoming so numerous in the town, that the authorities will hold a meeting to adopt some method to get rid of the nuisance.

### Jamison City and Vicinity.

We have had summer here the last few days which has about swept away all the snow. There is still considerable yet back on the mountains, it being about three feet.

All kinds of work seems to be ready for those that follow woods work. The saw mill is running at Jamison City. A large steam winding locomotive, with the name on it, viz: "Camden Tannery," is hauling logs from the west branch of Fishing Creek to this mill, and with the lumber loaded on cars from Hummer and York's mill and back along the line, it keeps the hands busy early and late.

Our new church at Central is filled quite often. We have the help of Revs. Thomas and Parker. Both are beloved by the people very much, and hope they may return from Conference to us again.

Our Sunday School numbers about seventy-five members. All take a great interest in our Sunday School, considering others being so near, this is considered a great showing.

Miss Emma Lamon is visiting at her father's at Central.

Miss Florence Yorks has returned to school after three weeks' illness.

Peter Yorks, who was killed recently, was one of those good hearted fellow whom you so frequently meet in the lumbering sections. He will be missed by not a few.

Prospectors are about to commence work looking for mineral on lands of Amandus Fritz and those adjoining. Game and fishing are getting slim, and now people are looking for other prospects.

The Institute at Jamison City on Saturday was a success, there being more than could find seating room. This kind of work is a great help to us all.

Notice to the Democratic Voters of Columbia County.

Is hereby given that the executive committee, the committee on Rules and the officers of the last Democratic convention will meet in public session on Saturday Feb. 19, at 10 a. m. in Court House Room No. 2 for the purpose of taking final action relative to the adoption of the new Rules governing our primary nominations and county conventions as passed upon by the last Democratic convention held Aug. 10, 1897. All Democrats who feel interested in this important matter are requested to be present.

The members of the standing committee will please note that this is not a general committee call but committeemen all who can are specially requested to attend the above stated meeting. The regular annual committee call will take place in March and due notice will be given of the same.

JOHN G. MCHENRY,  
Chairman Dem.  
Standing Committee.

### IN HARD LOOK.

The humors of election day are many and varied, but oftentimes those least interested in the contests at the polls are the victims of something that is not intended to be funny. Tuesday afternoon, a farmer, who was noticed standing in front of a well known restaurant seemed to be the picture of misery. Swinging in his index fingers, which were partly clasped behind him, was a gallon demijohn—empty, of course. The tightly locked door of the restaurant was only a few feet in front of him but on it was a sign "Election Day." A large quid of tobacco in the mouth of the tiller of the soil was shifted uneasily from one side to the other as he stood and scanned the notice, and his face bore a rueful look. Several onlookers enjoyed his discomfiture, while his attitude, mien and expression brought to mind that old familiar song "Thou art so near, and yet so far."

### STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—Congressman Kirkpatrick has been elected president of the Northampton County Bar Association.

—Adam Kuckner, a wealthy real estate owner, aged 78, of Schuylkill county died on Saturday from the effects of falling over a chair.

—Allentown has received \$13,459.28 from State Treasurer Haywood, the amount of the city's share of the State's public schools appropriation.

—Governor Hastings has fixed the dates for the executions of four murderers, as follows: Frederick C. Rockwell, Erie, Tuesday, April 26th; John R. Lamb, Allegheny, Thursday, April 21st; Patrick Banya, Elk, Tuesday April 26th; Walter E. Goodwin, Tioga, Thursday, March 31st.

—The Lehigh Valley Railroad station at Catasqua was entered on Sunday night by a thief who stole a considerable sum of money.

—The New York Car Works Company of Buffalo, N. Y., will build a plant at New Castle to employ 3500 men.

—The clothing store of D. A. Bengman, at Jersey Shore, was robbed of \$500 worth of merchandise on Sunday.

—At Bellefonte Saturday a long continued litigation, that has cost about \$1,000, exclusive of attorneys' fees, ended with a verdict for the plaintiff for six cents. The action was one in trespass brought by Alice Garbrick against J. B. Gentzel, to settle a dispute over a strip of land forty rods long and six feet wide. Besides the six cents the plaintiff got about two-thirds of the land in dispute.

## Just as Good

as Scott's and we sell it much cheaper," is a statement sometimes made by the druggist when Scott's Emulsion is called for. This shows that the druggists themselves regard

### Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda as the standard, and the purchaser who desires to procure the "standard" because he knows it has been of untold benefit, should not for one instant think of taking the risk of using some untried preparation. The substitution of something said to be "just as good" for a standard preparation twenty-five years on the market, should not be permitted by the intelligent purchaser.

Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion that the man and fish are on the wrapper, and \$1.00, all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

J. E. ROYS.



drop in and look over our magnificent assortment of

## WATCHES.

We have them in

ALL SIZES,

including

EVERY STYLE.

A good nickle watch for \$2.50.

A solid gold watch for \$19.00.

Over one hundred watches to choose from.

## J. E. ROYS.

A written guarantee goes with every watch.

### A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. It is curing more Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup and all throat and lung troubles than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a Sample Bottle FREE to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25c and 50c.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk W. H. Henrie, since those last published.

Bruce Kile, and Miss Joey Hess, both of Jackson township.

C. I. Houck, of Mt. Pleasant township, and Miss Minnie H. Eves, of Greenwood township.

G. L. Raup, of Berwick, and Miss Nora Fuller, of Buckhorn.

Charles W. Turney, of Bloomsburg, and Miss Maggie Darby, of Williams-town.

Oscar Rarig, and Miss Amelia Stokes, both of Roaringcreek.

James McHale, of Brynsville, and Miss Mary Rowan, of the same place.

TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of C. B. Ent, register and recorder, during the week.

Franklin L. Shuman and wife to Harriet Murray for land in Catawissa.

Charles S. Harder, et al., to Thomas E. Wildsmith, for land in Bloomsburg.

John Webber and wife to Michael Gruber, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

John Hartman, Adm., to John Miller, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

John S. Neihart et al., to Percival Foulk, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

Percival Foulk and wife to Mathias Heller, for tract of land in Hemlock township.

George E. Sponsler to Milton S. Freas, for tract of land in Briar-creek township.

John W. Shuman and wife to Samuel Dalious, for tract of land in Main township.

A. L. McHenry Adm., to Samantha E. Kreamer, for tract of land in Benton township.

Isaac Martz and wife to Duval Dickson, for tract of land in Briar-creek township.

Elijah Hess and wife to Elmira E. Masteller, for tract of land at Elk Grove.

### SHERIFF'S SALES.

The Sheriff sold at the Court House Saturday afternoon the following:

Property of Susan Carl in Locust twp. to Geo. W. Yeager for \$5.

Property of Bridget Gillispie in Centralia to Citizens Building and Loan Association for \$5.

The Webb sale was settled.

Bloomsburg Manufacturing Company's plant to L. E. Waller for \$5,700.

—The Northampton County Commissioners have granted the County Treasurer an increase of one-fifth of 1 per cent in his commissions, which however are not to exceed \$2000 a year.

### CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought. The fact is, it is on every wrapper.

## CLARKS'.

We call your attention this week to our line of  
**BLACK DRESS GOODS**

in all the leading weaves and styles of the coming season. This Black Dress Goods Stock is second to none for quality, style and price. We buy no tricky black goods; none but the best makes find room here. Our line of the famous

### PRIESTLEY'S BLACK GOODS

is now complete, and we claim they are the best black goods made, and so conceded by the trade. None but the best Australian wools are used. All yarn dyed goods. The finish is perfect. We invite you to examine this showing of Black Dress Materials. We think an inspection will repay you.

We here mention four items, but come, see the goods.

42 in. all wool Priestley Poplins, 80c yd., worth to day \$1.00 a yd.  
48 in. Black Mohair, 50c yd.,  
46 in. Drap D'ete, \$1.50 yd., worth \$1.75.  
50 in. all wool Cassimere Serge, 50c yd., worth 62c.

**LINENS.** We call your attention to our Linen Department where you will find complete lines of table linens in all grades of bleached and unbleached. Towels in all grades, Napkins, Doylies, Towelings by the yard, Lunch Cloths, Pattern Table Linens. Linen Sets, etc. Prices are in the buyers favor notwithstanding the former tone of the market. See the 72c Bleached Damask; the towels at 29c pair; Turkish towels at 25c pair; toweling at 34c yd.; plaid linens for cushion covers.

Silverware, Roger's Make, in knives, forks, teaspoons, tablespoons, etc., at prices lower than usual for these high grade goods.

Sheets and Pillow Cases, torn and hemmed, made of best muslins, about as cheap as you would buy the muslin. See the goods, and we think you will be convinced it will not pay to make them.

Fur Baby Carriage Robes at reduced prices.

Wool Undershirts at reduced prices.

Dress Skirts at reduced prices. Try our Skirt, all lined, at \$1.49.

Eiderdown House Sacques reduced in price.

Percales, yard wide, all grades.

All Black Brocade Satens, 12 1/2c yd. 20 yds. Muslin for 88c.

Dress Trimmings all kinds.

## H. J. CLARK & SON.

## I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

The reason that we have a clean stock, when busy times come, is that we make Special Sales two or three times a year to clean up broken lots.

And now the balance of this month we offer all linen goods at cut prices.

Table Linens, bleached,

for 84c yd., was \$1.00.

" 62c " " 75c.

" 44c " " 50c.

Unbleached,

for 68c, was 75c.

" 44c, " 50c.

" 32c, " 39c.

" 30c, " 35c.

" 22c, " 25c.

" 16c, " 19c.

Napkins,

for \$2.39, was \$2.75 doz.

" 1.75, " 2.00 "

" 1.50, " 1.75 "

" 1.38, " 1.50 "

" 1.15, " 1.25 "

" .85, " 1.00 "

### TOWELS

for 95c, was \$1.25 pair.

" 44c, " 50c "

" 22c, " 25c "

Turkish Towels,

44c, was 50c.

22c, " 25c.

others lower and higher.

### COUNTERPANES,

6 or 8 different kinds and quality,

some as low as 48c and up to \$3.50.

Large table cloths in patterns reduced from \$3 to \$2.25.

The Ladies' Muslin Underwear will

be continued at our JANUARY REDUCED PRICES. On many of the best

you can save one dollar, and save

thousand of stitches.

All the other goods advertised last week will be continued in this sale for February at prices named, viz., Muslins, Ginghams, Calicoes, Shirts, Oil-cloth, etc.

### I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

## H. W. SLOAN

## Clearing-Out Sale.

Having rented my store room to Louis Gross, the Clothier, I must vacate the room now occupied by me.

### The Entire Stock must be Closed Out.

Commencing Monday, January 3rd, 1898, I will offer the citizens of Bloomsburg and vicinity the Greatest Values in

Dress Goods, Hosiery, Table Linens, Silks, Underwear, Towels, Silk Velvets, Gloves, Napkins, White Dress Goods, Silverware, Counterpanes, Embroideries, Percales, Flannels, Laces, Lawns, Ladies' Cloths, Stamped Linens.

And all other Dry Goods, Notions, and Fancy Goods usually kept in a first class Dry Goods Store.

### THIS STOCK MUST BE SOLD.

I have lost sight of Profits and Cost in this Closing Sale.

The first comers will have the best selection. You certainly will save money. All goods will be sold for CASH ONLY and at prices you will not duplicate again. Everything in the store in this sale.

Special discount to dealers.

### H. W. SLOAN.

### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. R. Evans, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Andrew L. Fritz, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

ANDREW L. FRITZ, Executor.

### It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Swollen, Sweating, Damp feet. At all druggists and Shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

## CHARMING CHILD STORY:

One Written by Alphonse Daudet Found in an Old Reader.

Once upon a time a little girl who hated "readers" because there was never any thing interesting to read in them, opened her brand-new fourth reader and discovered that, so far as one story was concerned, the book was an exception to the rule. That one story was called "How the Crickets Brought Good Fortune," and in a most fascinating, taking-it-for-granted-that-you-knew-all-about-it way it began: "My friend Jacques strolled into the bakeshop on the corner one Christmas eve, when—" There was no stopping when you had got thus far, Greedily and speedily the little girl devoured the all-too-few succeeding pages, and with a sigh of regret she laid the book down only when the very last period was reached. The story was really not about "my friend Jacques," but a poor little boy in a thin blue blouse whom "my friend Jacques" saw in the bakeshop and who, hearing the song of the crickets that haunt such places, stood as if spellbound with the one long loaf of bread tucked under his arm. The baker's wife asked him why he waited. "Oh, please," said the little boy, "I hear crickets and crickets bring good fortune. Oh, if you would just be good enough to let me take some of those crickets home, then they might bring us good fortune and my father would get well and my mother wouldn't have to work so hard." The story went on to say that the baker's wife at once gave to the little boy a fine lot of crickets housed in a paper box, which he carried off delightedly, in company with three long loaves instead of one, after which "my friend Jacques" took the little boy's address and went straight to the house, where he made yet more clear that crickets do indeed bring good fortune. That was all, but the little tale was told with such grace, such art and, above all, with such sympathy, that it won the heart of the little girl as no other tale had ever done before. The name of the author was not given, nor was there any clue to his identity. None of the elders could place the story, the teachers knew it merely as a story in the fourth reader, to be commended for that reason alone. The little girl had to content herself therefore, with renaming her one boy doll "My Friend Jacques," while the story she tucked away in that corner of her memory where so many other cherished but now inexplicable things were stored, all labeled "Things that I mean to find out about when I grow up." The little girl had, it so happened, been "growing up," a good many years before she found out about the author of the story of my friend Jacques and the poor little boy in the thin blue blouse. She had read "Nana Roumestan" and "Kings in Exile," and "L'Evangéliste" and "Tartarin," and ever so many others from the pen of Alphonse Daudet before she one day chanced to discover, bound in with some more pretentious tale the little story so dear to her childhood and which no one had been able even to tell her was a translation. "How the Crickets Brought Good Fortune."—New York Sun.

## A Pair of Gloves.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath yesterday rendered a decision of peculiar interest, especially to ladies. Some days ago some one in Sioux City, Ia., presumably a gentleman who had lost a wager, mailed an envelope containing a pair of gloves to Mrs. Sarah D. Tucker residing in Worcester, Mass. The packet reached its destination, but one of the gloves was so badly torn that it was useless. The lady complained to the local postmaster and demanded that he at once go forth and purchase a new pair of gloves to replace those which had been damaged in transit. He naturally declined, but the recipient of the damaged gloves insisted that a new pair must be forthcoming from some source.

To placate Mrs. Tucker, the Worcester postmaster said: "Well, madame, I will refer the whole matter to the post-office department at Washington, and there the responsibility for the damage will be located, and you will receive redress."

This statement mollified the irate woman, and the postmaster at Worcester wrote the first assistant postmaster-general, explaining the case. The matter was as carefully and thoroughly looked into by the postoffice officials as though it had been the theft of a registered parcel containing a large sum of money.

It was developed that the clerk at Sioux City, who feeds the machine used for the cancellation of stamps, grabbed up the envelope containing the gloves of Mrs. Tucker and forced the bulky envelope through the machine. The stamps were cancelled all right, but the cancellor amputated several fingers of one of the gloves contained therein.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath after sitting in judgment on the case has written a letter to the postmaster at Sioux City calling upon him to assess his cancellor clerk the price of one pair of No. 7 "La Perle" tan gloves, and forward the same to Mrs. Tucker.

## Quar Ground for Pension Claim

A curious pension claim has recently been entered. Pat Bane, "the Green County Giant," will be remembered by many people who have witnessed inaugurations of presidents. Pat has been a familiar figure in Washington on those occasions. He is in reality a giant, standing seven feet four inches in his stocking feet, naturally a man to be singled out in great throngs of inauguration week. He was a veteran of the civil war, and, as far as the records show, proved himself a man of valor. Now Representative Ernest F. Atchison, whose constituent "The Green County Giant" is, has introduced a bill to give him a pension. The case is rather a peculiar one, for the pension office denied him any further reward for his military services. Pat's ailment is rheumatism, and the ground on which he asks a pension is that because of his great size there were no uniforms in the service large enough to properly cloth him. From the consequent exposure he says he contracted his present rheumatism.—Washington Post.

## BORING FOR CORAL.

Results of the Expeditions Sent Out From England.

The steamer Birksgate, which arrived on Saturday from the islands, brings further news from Fiji concerning the coral-boring expedition at Funafuti, in the Ellice group. News had been taken to Suva by H. M. S. Royalist of the progress made by the expedition after the departure of Prof. David in the John Williams. When Prof. David left Funafuti on Sept. 7 the bore was down 557 feet. On Sept. 16, when the Royalist took to Suva a letter to Dr. Cornue from G. Sweet, F. G. S., who is now the leader of the expedition, stating that the boring for the last 90 feet was chiefly in coral rock and that no sign of volcanic cork or rock other than coral had yet been met with in the bore. When the Royalist arrived the expedition had consumed all their coal, but Commander Rason was enabled to supply sufficient coal to last them till the arrival of the steamed Archer, from which it was hoped and additional supply would be obtained.

Prof. David states that, the bore having already exceeded the depth for which Darwin stipulated in his classical work on coral reefs, and a good core having been obtained throughout, it may now be looked upon as a success. Information likely to be of considerable scientific value has been obtained, and he considers that the general evidence so far appears strongly to confirm Darwin's theory that most of the coral atolls of the Pacific have been formed on areas of the earth's crust which have been undergoing a prolonged subsidence. A detailed report of the results obtained by the expedition will probably be incorporated in the report of the Royal society of London on the coral atoll of Funafuti, the earlier portion of which will be written by Prof. Sollas, F. R. S., the leader of the funafuti expedition last year. The bore at Funafuti is lined throughout with the best artesian tubes, four inches in outside diameter. Every foot of the bore had to be lined throughout with the prevent fragments of coral rock and coral sand choking the bore. The work of boring has proved very difficult on account of the variable nature of the strata (quick sand alternating with coral rock), and also on account of the very cavernous nature of the coral rock, which has caused some of the strongest cast iron rods in the machinery. The diameter of the core obtained from the bore is two and one-half inches.—Sydney Herald.

## Wandering Freight Cars.

On December 25, 1896, Minneapolis and St. Louis car No. 3,118 left Minneapolis with a load of flour destined to Montgomery, Ala. It went through to Montgomery with reasonable promptness, about eight days. Instead of returning the car via the same route, the Atlanta and West Point railroad started it on a series of divisions, and it has not yet reached home, although at one time it got as far north as Peoria, Ill. There it was turned back, evidently with another load for the south, as it was delivered to the southern railway on September 28. Since that time the owners have not been able to locate it at all. It has made a trip to New York, Boston and Montreal, but was returned westward and southward via the same route until it reached the southern lines, since which time it has been wandering around among the southern states.

Auditor W. E. Lee of the Kansas City, Watkins and Gulf railway adds another to the stock of curious stories. K. C. W. and G. box car No. 2,028, left home loaded with long leaf yellow pine lumber, July 15, 1896, he says. It was consigned to South Bend, Ind. It would seem that it had been two months in discharging original load at destination, as it was in possession of delivering line from July 21, 1896, to September 20, 1896, when it was returned to St. Louis, and there loaded with grain for Memphis. Upon arrival at Memphis it would appear that the load had been reconsigned to Macon, Ga., then loaded for Atlanta. After several switch movements it seems to have been successful in procuring a load for Pinners Point, Va., where it must have taken a month to unload, as it was in possession of delivering line for over a month. The next load we have record of is to Louisville, Ga. Since then it seems to have been used principally in switching service, possibly with transfer freights. After reviewing records, I find from junction reports that the car has been on 19 lines. It has been away from home 472 days, one line having it 72 days.

## A Coffin for a Penny.

Coffins at a penny each would seem to be out of all possible proportions to profit, but nevertheless the Preston Union has accepted a contract for the supply of these necessary but gruesome articles at this figure, and ranging from 10 to a fourpence. In spite of the lowness of the price the contractor has to bind himself to come up to a specified standard of quality.

The explanation of so one-sided a contract—for no coffin could ever be made even for fourpence—is to be found in the fact that the friends of the deceased have often club money to draw, which they spend in a superior quality coffin instead of allowing their late friend to be sent to his long resting-place in one of inferior make.

The profit which the undertaker makes on this transaction is so large, that he is able to carry on what, at first sight, appears to be a ruinous trade.—North British Gazette.

## Why the Dog Was Afraid.

The men of a certain regiment last summer grumbled a good deal about the inferior food served out to them, particularly the meat, which was often times decidedly tainted.

One day a strange cur was prowling round the square, as the battalion was falling in for drill, and the colonel, on coming on parade, noticed the animal. "Whose dog is that?" he inquired of a man on fatigue duty.

"I dunno, sir."

Suddenly the cur took to its heels and bolted frantically out of the square. "Whatever's the matter with the animal?" remarked the colonel again. "I expect as how he smelt our rations, sir," said Tommy, with a sly smile, and the colonel passed on.—Scottish Leader.

## VAGARIES OF LEARNING.

Some Funny Answers Found on Examination Papers.

A certain schoolteacher, whose sense of humor is developed to a remarkable degree, goes to the trouble occasionally of writing down for her own use some of the funniest answers which she finds in her examination papers. By especial favor a Syracuse Post writer was allowed to use a few. Here they are:

"The stomach is the most diluted portion of the elementary canal."

"Hygiene is all that you can tell about that which is asked."

"The doctrine of evolution began with the beginning of life, and grew higher and higher, until it regenerated into monkey. This process was slow so slow that neither the monkey nor the man knew anything about it."

"A germ is a name applied to a particular particle, tiny subbacterial organism, which, when demonstrated, causes disease."

"A germ is a tiny insect or bug sometimes found in diseases or organs, that is why diseases are contagious. It is so small that it can be seen only with a telescope. Then it appears like the head of a pin but it goes floating around into the atmosphere."

"Habitus corpus means you may have the head and I will take the body."

"Queen Elizabeth's reign was the reign of posterity."

"The germ theory of diseases is continually floating around in the air, and is very dangerous, especially when the atmosphere is unwholesome."

"William Pitt, the second son of the Earl of Chatham, Premier of England, entered life at a very early age, which office he held at a very early period in life, the time when most men are just completing a professional education."

"A dowager is a widow without joints."

## THE MERRY JESTER.

Gordon: What's worrying you?

Edwards: You know that girl—that Miss Wilbur—I met at the seashore?

Gordon: Yes, I suppose she wants to know the engagement now, doesn't she?

Edwards: No, by George, she insists that she entered into it in good faith, and I haven't saved enough even to buy a dress suit. Curses on these funny men!—Chicago News.

"A Pittsburgh woman wants a divorce because her husband kicks when she goes through his pockets."

"Probably he's mad because she doesn't find anything."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Samson," urged one of his advisers, "what's the use? Even if you should take that ass's jawbone and clean out the whole Philistine army you never could make Bob Ingersoll believe you did it."

"Nevertheless," replied Samson, grasping the weapon more firmly, "this jaw will outlive Bob Ingersoll's jaw in history."

And a moment later he sailed into the enemy with the result now known to everybody.—Chicago Tribune.

"As I came home in the shower," remarked Mr. Murry Hill, "I saw Miss Homewood out with her rainy day costume on."

"Oh, tell me all about it," replied Mrs. Murry Hill, eagerly. "I am deeply interested in rainy day costumes."

"Well, I can't tell you very much, for I noticed nothing especially except her heliotrope stockings."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

"This Klondike craze is going to help Boston immensely."

"In what way?"

"After those fellows have survived an Alaskan Winter they won't be afraid to tackle Boston girls."—Chicago Record.

"That was your little boy I saw you walking with yesterday, wasn't it?"

"No, that was my little girl."

"Then the person with the spectacles was your eldest daughter?"

"No, that was my husband."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Boarder: This chicken soup seems to be rather weak.

Landlady: I don't see why; I told the cook how to make it, but perhaps she didn't catch the idea.

Boarder: Perhaps she didn't catch the chicken.—Chicago News.

## He Was on His Knees.

A member of the House tells a story on Senator Mason concerning a lady who keeps a boarding house in Washington. The Senator boarded there for awhile, as did the Representatives. The lady belongs to one of the well-known churches, and is very punctual in her attendance on morning services. For this reason she insists that her boarders must be down early for breakfast Sunday morning. The Senator was not aware of this regulation and his first Sunday in the house came downstair rather late.

"You are not on time this morning," Senator, said the lady gently, but rather reprovingly.

"No, Madam. I spent a half hour on my knees this morning."

"That was very praiseworthy of you," spoke up the boarding mistress.

"Hunting for a collar button that rolled upon the floor and under the bureau," declared the Senator, concluding his sentence.

## He Learned.

There is one man in Washington who declares that if he can hereafter obtain information in any other way he will not ask questions. He is employed in one of the departments, and his duties consist mainly in ordering and buying furniture. While on his way to order a wire screen the other day, he met a vendor of rat-traps and other contrivances made of wire. As there are few places in the city where wire goods are made, he thought he had found a new factory. Stopping the man, he asked:

"Where did you get those traps?"

"Made 'em. Where did you suppose?" was the sullen reply.

"Where did you learn wire-work?"

The rat-trap vendor looked at his questioner sharply, and promptly replied:

"Same place you did. Sing Sing."

## CURIOUS FACTS.

It requires half a day to sing the national hymn of China.

Java is a native Malay word signifying "the land of nutmegs."

A ton of oil has been obtained from the tongue of a single whale.

Lake Michigan signifies in the native tongue "a weir for fish."

The German Government proposes to try to grow potatoes in Africa.

In only three cases out of ten the sight is equally good in each eye.

Steel billiard balls and aluminum wall paper are the latest evolutions in trade.

Connecticut in the Indian form was Quinnitukut, meaning "the country of the long river."

Marseilles has a 107-year-old woman who still earns her living by keeping a newspaper kiosk.

Twelve million silk hats are made annually in the United Kingdom, worth five million pounds.

Egypt expresses the Hebrew for "the land of oppression," alluding to the bondage of the Israelites.

Africa traces its origin to the Phoenician after, a black man, and the Sanskrit ac, the earth, a country.

Russia possesses at least one luxury, in a breed of dogs which are said to be naturally quite unable to bark.

The dedication of the Grant Monument drew to New York the greatest crowd which the city had ever seen assembled.

Liszt's great skill with the piano was in part due to his immense industry. For years he practiced ten hours a day.

The highest masts of sailing vessels are from 160 to 180 feet high, and spread from 60,000 to 100,000 square feet of canvas.

The Prince of Wales, it is stated, will not be represented at all in the racing world next season. Captain Carter, who sailed the Britannia, has received a letter from the Prince intimating that his services will not be required next season.

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Spring Trade Shows an Early Activity.

Big Output of Pig Iron, Wool and Wheat Strong and Business Large.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says:

"Business is pushing toward spring activity rather early. Events which have controlled are good buying of iron by the largest makers, the rise in cotton, with strength in goods, the great railway consolidation and the Cuban insurrection.

The output of pig iron February 1 was 229,823 tons weekly, the largest in the history of the business, but the reported buying of 130,000 tons Bessemer iron by the Carnegie company and 100,000 by another of the largest steel concerns, nevertheless means decision by the ablest manufacturers that the unprecedented output on pig will soon prove too small for the growing demand for finished products.

Wool sales at the chief cities were only 5,303,200 pounds for the week, and 11,664,600 for two weeks, against 22,721,600 last year. Prices are still strong in spite of the general indifference of manufacturers who seem to have secured ample supplies. For the better grades of woolen goods an advance averaging 17.5 per cent. from last year is readily maintained. The opening of works idle for years, in spite of the heavy production already assured, is a striking feature in this, as in the iron and other industries, and implies heavier demands for products than are now met by the unprecedented output.

Wheat has been strong, with spot advancing two cents and May 2½c.

Business shown by bank clearings is again larger than ever before, 54.7 per cent. larger than last year for the week and for the month to date 44.3 per cent. larger than last year and 16.6 per cent. larger than in 1892.

Failures for the week have been 295 in the United States against 267 last year, and forty-three in Canada against sixty-one last year."

Actors, Singers, Speakers

Thousands of actors, public entertainers, singers, lecturers, preachers and readers are tormented with throat weakness. These delicate organs being overtaxed become susceptible to head colds, influenza, hoarseness, tickling in the throat, sneezing, drooping in the throat, pain over the eyes, dry throat, etc.; all these are forerunners of Catarrh, a most serious complication if neglected.

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Emmett Postell, Actor, New York City—4

by C. A. Klein.

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By the terms of the wager Wurz is allowed twenty-four hours for each bird. The geese, after being picked and cleaned, must weigh not less than six nor more than seven pounds. The eating must be done in the presence of appointed witnesses, fellow members of an Elk lodge.

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## Luetgert Found Guilty.

The Jury Fixed the Penalty at Life Imprisonment.

The jury in the case of Adolph Luetgert, at Chicago, tried for murdering his wife and boiling her remains in a sausage vat, last Thursday rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment. This was Luetgert's second trial, the jury having disagreed in the first case.

AWFUL EXPERIENCE WITH HEART DISEASE.—That Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart works like magic, and cures is proven by the testimony of Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can. "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for 18 months to lie down in bed lest I smother. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble has not returned.—5.

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## OUR BOLD SAILORS

Navigation on the Great Lakes Take Great Risks.

"The loss of the steamer Idaho on Lake Erie in last Saturday's gale," said a former forwarder of grain and freight cargoes on the lakes, "is but another example of the recklessness that characterizes lake skippers and sailors, and of the risks they will take to make all that is possible out of a season's transportation. They will start from port with vessels that are hardly seaworthy even in fair weather, in the face of most threatening weather, and the weather is almost constantly threatening on Lake Erie at this time of year. The annual loss of life and property, although it is much less than formerly, because there are fewer unseaworthy hulks afloat, is proportionately larger than it is on the Atlantic ocean. The reports that follow every severe storm on the lakes are burned with disaster.

"No ocean sailor who ever lived would dare to take the risk that the average lake skipper will, and that not without a word of protest, but with avidity. It looks sometimes as if lake sailors rather courted risk and danger. It is a fact, too, that there are more unseaworthy craft braving the treacherous waters of the lakes during the most dangerous seasons of the year—October and November—than at any other time. There is reason for this, though, for grain shipments are livelier as the season draws to a close. Cargoes are consequently more plentiful and freights higher. Every vessel that will float can command a cargo. I have seen schooners that were hardly fit to be towed on a canal leave port in November loaded almost to the guards with freight, and yet the skippers would have to refuse many applications from sailors anxious to sail on the shabby hulks. There is not a more reckless class of men on the face of the earth than these fresh-water sailors, although they have the terrible fact constantly before them that hundreds of their fellows are lost annually on the lakes, nine-tenths of them going down with the rotten craft they begged the privilege of sailing on. This fact is made the more startling because it is well known that the dangers of lake navigation—especially navigation on Lake Erie—are so great that even the staunchest vessels are frequently unable to weather them. I would rather cross the Atlantic a dozen times at this season than to make one trip from the St. Lawrence river to Chicago.

"Storms sweep over the lakes without any warning. The November gales on Lake Erie are indescribably frightful. The skippers depend largely on landmarks for guides in navigation. The blinding rain or sleet that nearly always accompanies these storms obliterates these marks for days sometimes, and as the sea room is limited, vessels caught in these gales are in constant danger of going to pieces, either on the rocky shores or on some of the islands that stud so thickly these inland seas, or being suddenly swamped, as the Idaho was. Lake Ontario's shores are especially menacing to lake craft during storms, but fortunately this lake is not so liable to be swept by storms as some of the others. If a vessel heaves to in a storm it is almost certain to be cast ashore, or if it runs down the lake toward the St. Lawrence river it is endangered by the many islands that abound there. Many skippers annually wreck their craft in the always risky effort to make Oswego harbor in a storm. The entrance to the harbor is very narrow, and the vessel that is steered for it and does not make it is almost certain to go to pieces on the rocks under Fort Ontario.

"The sailing season is comparatively short on the lakes, for it is usually late in the spring before the ice embargo is removed and early in the winter when it is again placed on navigation. The skipper's desire is to take advantage of every hour of his time, and he takes no precaution that will cause him an extra moment's delay in port. Of course, all vessels that sail on the lakes are subject to the control of government inspectors, and none may sail without a permit. But the pay of these officials is small. They are human, and lake skippers are the most willing people on land or sea. At any rate, there is a host of unseaworthy hulks engaged in the commerce of the lakes. There are not so many of them though, as dared the dangers of the trip before government inspection began.

"Reckless skippers would find their occupation gone if there were no reckless sailors eager to share their risks, and reckless lake sailors are the rule rather than the exception. This is all the more singular because ordinarily these sailors are the quietest and most modest of men. A curious thing about them is that many of them are farmers, or rather farm owners. The individual land holding in the vicinity of the lake ports of some of these dare-devil sailors is considerable. The moment navigation closes they return to their farms, remain there until it reopens in the spring, and then hasten back to the lakes to "empt death on any old craft where they can get the best wages, leaving their wives and children to look after the farm."

Rather Ancient Mules.  
"We heard of two remarkable mules for a long time owned by Greenleaf, of Sandy Flat. These mules were cross-bred that built the Columbia and Greenville Railroad. When they were young their color was black, later they turned brown and from that to almost snow white. Charles McNeill owned them for several years and traded them to a man in North Carolina ten years ago. The mules were then 43 and 46 years of age respectively, fat, snow white, and very sprightly. It is believed by some who knew them that if they have had proper treatment since they left the Palm to State, they are doing good service yet." Kentucky papers will please copy.—Greenville (S. C.) News.

Old Enough.  
Pek's Kin Pan is the oldest newspaper in the world, having been published continuously for nearly a thousand years. It began as a monthly, became a weekly in 1361, and since the beginning of the century has been a daily. It now publishes three editions a day, and in order to prevent cheating by the vendors, prints them on paper of different colors, the first being yellow, the second white, and the last grey.—The Argonaut.

## Christ-Like Work.

Bishop Coleman Commends the Charitable Labors of Masons.

Bishop Leighton Coleman, of Delaware, preached Sunday afternoon at the religious services held in the Masonic Home, Broad and Ontario streets, Phila., under the auspices of Union Lodge, No. 121, F. and A. M. In opening his sermon he thanked them for the honor conferred upon him in asking him to address the meeting. No work more Christ-like than that exemplified in such a home had come under his view. He also counted it a privilege to share with them the enjoyment and benefit of the afternoon's services. He chose for his text, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil," St. John 15: xvii.

Christ, he said, was about to leave His disciples when He used these words. It was a time when His affections would be drawn out toward them. He did not want to take them where they would be protected from all injuries. They were to become martyrs and heroes. If He had taken them with Him would there have been epistles? he asked. We would not then have had these examples of patience, self-denial, heroism and loyalty. Many persons would have become disheartened at the idea of following the example of Christ on account of the difference in His nature from theirs. Such is not the case in following the examples of the disciples. "We should not complain of the evils, pain and conflicts we meet. The manly and womanly thing to do is to face the evil and by God's grace overcome it. Our spiritual friends are just as real as our spiritual foes. We must, however, be armed from head to foot for the contest in the whole armor of God. The evil is continually searching for a weak spot in the armor."

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## Status of the Public Debt.

The monthly statement of the public debt, issued last week, shows that at the close of business Monday the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,011,701,338, an increase for the month of \$12,589,771. This increase is accounted for by the decrease in the amount of cash on hand. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$847,365,810; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,328,540; debt bearing no interest, \$386,878,774; total, \$1,232,573,124. The amount, however, does not include \$581,213,933 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The treasury cash is classified as follows: Gold, \$200,731,551; silver, \$510,676,160; paper, \$100,452,096; bonds, deposits in national banks, disbursing officer's balances, &c., \$41,338,199; \$853,198,008, against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$629,326,222, leaving a net cash balance, including the gold reserve, of \$223,871,786.

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## OF

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JOHN E. GROTZ, Treasurer.

Charges himself balance at last statement..... \$129 36  
Monies received from all sources..... 7389 01  
Total..... \$747 37

## CLAIMS CREDIT FOLLOWING DISBURSEMENTS.

Old orders redeemed..... \$237 72  
New orders..... 560 00  
Note paid..... 1000 00  
"..... 500 00  
Bal. in hand of Treasurer..... 53 39  
Total..... \$147 88

## RECAPITULATION RECEIPTS.

Monies rec'd from Farm..... \$573 31  
A. H. Grotz..... 18 10  
Luzerne Poor..... 54 25  
Hagenbuch and Snyder, J. W..... 315 14  
Osman, Est..... 91 23  
Koster..... 12 40  
Fishing Creek..... 12 40  
Discounts..... 989 67  
Salem and Perry Twp..... 34 00  
Bittenbender Collector..... 1716 81  
C. E. Hartman..... 836 50  
Case..... 1734 05  
Patterson..... 323 23  
Rote..... 150 30  
Mather..... 216 05  
A. Hess..... 111 86  
T. H. Smith..... 109 99  
Total..... \$7318 01

## IN ACCOUNT WITH COLLECTORS.

J. K. Bittenbender, Col. 1895..... \$393 35  
Amt. duplicate..... 3017 41  
Total..... \$3415 94  
J. K. Bittenbender, Col. 1896..... \$3448 59  
Amt. duplicate..... 2538 16  
Total..... \$5986 75  
L. D. Kase, Col. 1897, amt. dup..... \$3494 48  
Amt. paid..... 1734 05  
Total..... \$1760 43

## STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Geo. Fox, 37 5-7 weeks @ \$1.75 @ 65 00  
Jesse Kelly 2-1-7..... 91 25  
L. Z. Kahler..... 91 25  
Alza Sterner..... 91 25  
Carrie Turrel..... 91 25  
Jno. W. Osmann..... 91 25  
W. W. Kester..... 91 25  
Elias F. Smith..... 91 25  
Total..... \$704 75

## SALARIES AND FEES.

Dr. J. C. Rutter..... \$100 00  
" F. W. Redeker..... 25 00  
" J. C. Post..... 25 00  
" W. A. Smith..... 25 00  
" J. W. Bruner..... 34 68  
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" G. H. Welliver, V. S..... 4 00  
" J. S. Mather, V. S..... 5 00  
" J. D. Warner..... 5 00  
" J. Hagenbuch..... 100 00  
" M. H. Rhodes..... 100 00  
" O. T. Wilson..... 100 00  
" Thos. Webb..... 100 00  
" W. H. Snyder..... 50 00  
" P. A. Kline..... 649 99  
Total..... \$1945 67

## ALMSHOUSE AND FARM EXPENSES.

Provisions and Supplies..... \$318 98  
Fuel and Light..... 78 71  
Clothing and Shoes..... 75 35  
Dry Goods..... 27 01  
Furniture..... 20 38  
Medical Supplies..... 23 90  
Harness repairs..... 110 87  
Building and repairs..... 110 87  
Wagon repairs..... 23 65  
Farm implements repairs..... 17 00  
Blacksmithing..... 42 24  
Lumber..... 37 47  
Hardware..... 65 84  
Lime..... 65 84  
Manure..... 31 00  
Trees and setting..... 25 00  
Seeds..... 36 10  
J. Diefenbach, brooms..... 3 00  
Clearing new ground..... 21 95  
Hartman & Hassert, repairs..... 15 59  
Keystone Foundry & Machine Co. Istack for engine boiler..... 12 50  
Weighing..... 1 10  
Extracting teeth..... 10 86  
Tobacco..... 35 00  
1 lot of sheep..... 6 00  
1 buck..... 16 00  
8 shoats..... 32 60  
1 hog..... 34 00  
Geo. A. Baird, 1 cow..... 48 71  
P. W. Heller, 1 cow..... 50 00  
1 new heavy Farm Wagon..... 64 00  
1 " set double harness..... 29 00  
1 " Fanning Mill..... 21 00  
1 " Grain Griddle..... 4 00  
2 " Pumps..... 16 63  
1 " Washer and Wringer..... 9 50  
Total..... \$1454 86

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Geo. Ivey..... \$57 50  
Mrs. Jones..... 2 00  
Mary Long..... 15 64  
Robert Long..... 8 60  
Mrs. Alice Smith..... 8 60  
Mrs. Campbell..... 19 25  
A. Y. Hess..... 8 10  
D. Boice..... 11 50  
Mrs. H. E. Smith..... 62 24  
Mrs. Johnson..... 22 95  
Josiah Cole..... 5 00  
Total..... \$267 01

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Value of farm products sold in 1897..... \$152 16  
Value of farm products sold in 1898..... 83 47  
Value of farm products sold in 1899..... 81 38  
Total for three years..... \$267 01  
Value of farm products sold in 1897..... \$254 15  
Value of farm products sold in 1898..... 429 47  
Value of farm products sold in 1899..... 270 31  
Total for three years..... \$954 93

Jas. Laycock..... 12 50  
Jacob Stauffer..... 11 00  
Anna Miller's child..... 12 00  
Chas. Brown..... 9 00  
Mrs. Martz..... 12 00  
Jas. E. Keiser..... 75 00  
D. Renner..... 75 00  
A. J. Henner..... 34 75  
Jas. Hopper..... 17 00  
Jas. Hopper..... 9 75  
D. Ball..... 13 00  
Mrs. Coleman..... 1 25  
Berwick Poor Dist. keeping Gordon boy..... 10 00  
Frank Taylor..... 1 25  
Mrs. Chas. Jones..... 3 75  
Chas. Hall..... 5 50  
H. Shannon..... 2 60  
Mrs. Abbie Evans..... 46 60  
Jno. Brind..... 38 35  
W. H. Printz..... 10 30  
Mrs. Harleigh..... 38 22  
Harry Proy..... 3 75  
Mrs. Barnett..... 20 00  
Mrs. Reynolds..... 72 35  
H. Swisher..... 15 10  
Samuel Farver..... 38 00  
Jno. Whitmer..... 5 85  
Matthew Hayless..... 4 00  
Lake Rhoads..... 13 45  
Daniel Brown..... 3 85  
Wesley Yohe..... 10 25  
Mrs. Williams..... 16 06  
Jona. Miller..... 65 65  
Wm. Brooking..... 52 60  
Mrs. Matthews..... 16 10  
Jas. Walker..... 2 00  
Lew Hildebrandt..... 3 50  
W. Banks..... 2 85  
E. Fowler..... 52 25  
Jas. Adams..... 82 31  
Jno. K. Gorton..... 2 00  
Clark Cravelling..... 26 50  
Jacob Eberly..... 3 25  
S. W. Egeland..... 2 60  
C. C. Marr, keeping Mrs. McDowell..... 66 00  
A. Rich..... 1 75  
A. Sober..... 7 70  
Wm. Searls..... 6 60  
Mrs. Brower..... 12 00  
Mrs. Susan Hall..... 4 00  
Jas. Bucy..... 73 75  
G. Trump..... 1 00  
S. Trump..... 2 15  
Bertha Miller..... 10 60  
W. Ingold..... 95  
Mrs. Kuehnard..... 50 50  
Mrs. Green..... 6 00  
Mrs. Eckenroth..... 9 00  
Wm. Jeavons..... 6 50  
Jno. McGill..... 6 00  
Mrs. May..... 5 00  
Geo. Samuel..... 72 00  
Jas. Hardin..... 1 00  
Medicine for sundry persons..... 14 20  
R. K. tickets and meals for tramps..... 30 70  
Moving Gibbons family..... 2 50  
Total..... \$1450 05

## SUNDRY EXPENSES.

Expenses of auditing for 1897..... \$112 50  
Auditing for 1898..... 15 00  
Orders of Relief..... 34 30  
Bloom Poor Dist. vs. Mt. Pleasant Poor District..... 2 75  
C. A. Kline, settlement in full with Poor Dist..... 24 28  
Expenses in settlement for Kile property..... 274 85  
Expenses in John Vanance case..... 31 19  
G. M. Quick, Prothonotary..... 29 40  
W. H. Bourie..... 1 25  
Clothing for Geo. Evans at Elwyn Inst..... 10 00  
Christmas Gift for Elwyn Inst..... 5 00  
Traveling expenses..... 47 69  
Sundry small bills..... 38 25  
Telegrams and express..... 2 79  
Printing..... 11 80  
Stationery..... 16 02  
J. K. Grotz, dis. on note..... 15 31  
Publishing annual statement..... 45 00  
Coffin and funeral expenses..... 33 50  
Coffin and funeral expenses..... 10 00  
Hartzel child..... 8 00  
Gift for Miller child..... 10 00  
" Hoppes..... 10 00  
Less dis. on coal..... \$787 00  
Total amt. paid..... \$747 37

## The undersigned auditors of the Bloom Poor District having examined the foregoing accounts for the year 1897, find them correct.

S. R. WOHMAN, Auditors.  
IRVIN DILLZ,  
C. H. DILDINE.

## PRODUCTS OF FARM FOR 1897.

383 bushels wheat..... \$343 80  
380 " Rye..... 156 00  
Oats..... 300 00  
18 " Buckwheat..... 9 00  
Sweet corn..... 20 00  
260 " Potatoes..... 182 00  
5 " Onions..... 5 00  
1 " Beans..... 5 00  
100 pounds Pork..... 105 00  
600 " Lard..... 30 00  
287 " Butter..... 57 40  
200 dozen eggs..... 28 00  
150 Chickens..... 37 50  
7 Turkeys..... 40 00  
9 Sheep..... 27 00  
16 Shoats..... 48 00  
9 Calves (raising)..... 20 00  
1000 Heads cabbage..... 30 00  
30 Tons Hay..... 300 00  
4720 Sheaves Corn Fodder..... 141 60  
6 Fattening Hogs..... 50 00  
Total..... \$2178 52

## VALUE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Balance on Bloom dup. 1895 @ \$45 94  
" " " 1896 1110 43  
" " " 1897 1700 30  
" " " 1898 414 15  
" " " 1899 338 88  
" " " 1897 181 25  
" " " 1897 91 27  
Note on Kile property..... 280 00  
" Bart. Albertson..... 100 00  
" W. Ferguson..... 90 00  
Total..... \$4702 55

## Farm and Buildings..... \$12000 00

4 Horses..... 400 00  
3 Cows..... 150 00  
1 Heifer..... 25 00  
2 Calves (raising)..... 20 00  
13 Sheep..... 39 00  
2 Brood Sows..... 25 00  
1 Hog..... 10 00  
6 Fattening Hogs..... 30 00  
16 Shoats..... 48 00  
100 Chickens..... 25 00  
9 Turkeys..... 40 00  
100 bushels Potatoes..... 75 00  
150 " Wheat..... 30 00  
50 " Rye..... 20 00  
150 " Oats..... 125 00  
150 " Corn ears..... 180 00  
600 pounds Lard..... 30 00  
150 " Soap..... 7 50  
400 " Pork..... 50 00  
250 " "..... 25 00  
400 " Wheat Flour..... 10 00  
1 new heavy Farm Wagon..... 64 00  
1 bought 1897..... 85 00  
1 Spring Wagon..... 20 00  
1 Bob Sled..... 15 00  
1 new Deering Binder..... 115 00  
1 new Fanning Mill..... 180 00  
18 Tons Hay..... 180 00  
3000 Sheaves Corn Fodder..... 90 00  
6000 Shingles..... 9 00  
15 tons Coal..... 52 50  
24 acres wheat in ground..... 130 00  
Furniture in Almshouse..... 250 00  
Stewards bldg..... 300 00  
Farm implements not new..... 750 00  
Total..... \$15440 00

## OCCUPANTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Number of paupers at last report..... 15  
Admitted during the year..... 17  
Discharged during the year..... 18  
Remaining at end of year..... 14

## Number from Bloom..... 2

" " Greenwood..... 9  
" " Scott..... 1  
" " Sugarloaf..... 1  
" " Millville..... 1

## ISAHIA HAGENBUCH, M. H. KROEDER, Directors.

THOS. WEBB, Secy.

Value of farm products sold in 1897..... \$152 16  
Value of farm products sold in 1898..... 83 47  
Value of farm products sold in 1899..... 81 38  
Total for three years..... \$267 01  
Value of farm products sold in 1897..... \$254 15  
Value of farm products sold in 1898..... 429 47  
Value of farm products sold in 1899..... 270 31  
Total for three years..... \$954 93

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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BLOOMSBURG, PA.

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## THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

## Sales.

**MARCH 15.** Richard Henric will sell farm stock, implements and household goods on the farm of E. Kelchner near Lime Ridge, in Centre township at 10 a. m.

**MARCH 16.** Entire livery outfit of A. C. Hilday, at his livery stable in Bloomsburg, consisting of horses, buggies, harness, etc.

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Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cures headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. 10-day, 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

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A good square piano. Can be bought cheap. Inquire at this office. tf.

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A fine brick residence on 3rd street, 13 rooms, steam heat with boiler in cellar, gas, range, bath room, hot and cold water, large lot, fruit trees &c. Possession given April 1st. Inquire of Geo. E. Elwell. tf.

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Athletic Park Leased—Ordinance Repealed.—Other Business.

The Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Thursday night. President Kocher and all the members excepting Richardson were present.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Rishton of the Fire and Water committee reported that the new apparatus for the Rescue Company was here, and had been placed in the Company's house.

Supplee, of the Finance Committee made a report, showing the work of the committee. He stated that the Hennessy matter had all been settled.

A petition was presented to Council by C. C. Yetter, asking for a crossing over Market Street at North side of Fourth. Referred to street committee.

The following lease concerning Athletic Park was then read:

Whereas, at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., held at their hall on the 11th day of January, A. D., 1898, it was resolved to lease to the Athletic Park Association, the Town Park, located between Seventh and Eighth and Market and Centre Streets, for a term of five years, upon certain terms and conditions

Now, therefore, this agreement made and concluded this Eighth day of February, A. D., 1898, between the said Town, lessor, and the Athletic Park Association aforesaid, lessee, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the covenants and terms hereinafter mentioned and reserved (and on the part of the said lessee to be kept and performed,) hath demised, leased and let, and by these presents doth demise, lease and let unto the said lessee, and said Park to be used for base ball, foot ball, and other innocent and legitimate athletic sports.

And the said lessee hereby agrees to plant a row of Carolina Poplar and Elm trees of good size, along the Center Street side of the said Park on the outside of the pavement, also to replace such trees as have been heretofore planted and are not growing along the north side of the said Park on the inside of the fence when lease expires. The said trees to be set under the direction of the Town engineer, twenty feet apart and to be boxed. The fence to be kept in good order by the said lessee, and the trees to be properly trimmed and cared for by the said lessor. The work of planting trees and putting the Park in proper condition to be fully completed under the direction of the Town Engineer before June 1st, 1898; otherwise this lease to be void and of no effect. And the said lessee shall and will at the expiration of the said term of five years surrender and deliver up quiet and peaceable possession of the said Park without notice

## ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

## CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or diseases, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

to quit in as good condition as it now is, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

This lease was the result of the meeting of the Finance Committee, who authorized the President to execute the same, and it is hereby signed, sealed and delivered.

James Magee, 2nd, complained of the sewer on Sixth Street. He says it is entirely too small, and that on one occasion he was compelled to stop work at the mill, owing to the water backing in the mill. He stated that he would hold the town responsible for any damage that might hereafter be caused from this source.

The Town Engineer and Street committee informed the Council that the above trouble was caused by waste and not because the sewer was too small, and that at least a wagon load of rubbish, wooden paddles had been taken out of the sewer below the Magee mill.

On motion of Gorrey and Rishton it was ordered that a sump be constructed to catch the waste. The work giving the same to be under the supervision of the Town Engineer.

The subject of license for transient merchants was taken up and it being ascertained that the Ordinance taxing such merchants \$50 is unlawful and cannot be enforced, the following was read:

## ORDINANCE NO. 99.

An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 46.

Whereas the Courts of the State of Pennsylvania have declared that municipal ordinances requiring a tax upon transient, retail merchants are illegal.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Town of Bloomsburg, and it is hereby enacted by authority of same:

That Ordinance No. 46, entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the licensing of transient retail merchants," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Attest W. R. KOCHER, Freeze Quick, Sec. Pres. Town Coun.

On motion of Supplee, seconded by Hower the ordinance was adopted as read.

President Kocher stated that the book merchants paid him \$7.50 the amount of the regular mercantile tax, but would pay no more.

Bills were presented and the Secretary directed to issue orders for the same as follows:

|                                                     |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| C. F. Cavanaugh, drayage hose cart                  | 45     |
| C. W. Hassert, Fire Co. rent                        | 3.00   |
| Creasy & Wells, lumber                              | 2.35   |
| Water Co., Fire Hydrants, Jan. to Feb.              | 91.67  |
| Steam Co., Heat for Hall                            | 75.78  |
| Sloan estate, damages as of 1893, widening West St. | 64.60  |
| S. R. Bidleman, blanks for Board of Health          | 24.80  |
| J. D. Armstrong, matches, oil &c.                   | 2.42   |
| Harman & Hassert, plates, &c.                       | 1.20   |
| Chas. Culp, constable salary                        | 8.00   |
| Electric Light Co., 1 month St. Lights              | 426.68 |
| Gas Co., Gas for Town Hall                          | 29.25  |
| Miles Betz, one arrest                              | .50    |
| W. O. Holmes, work, supplies, &c.                   | 6.93   |
| Peacock & Co., nails, lanterns, &c.                 | 6.25   |
| Geo. Shultz, police service                         | 1.75   |
| A. Bowen, " "                                       | 1.25   |
| A. Herbine, " "                                     | 1.25   |
| F. P. Bann, " "                                     | 3.00   |
| A. Shultz, chief police                             | 40.00  |
| G. F. Quick, Sec., 1 mo.                            | 15.00  |

Bills were also presented as follows but held over for the reasons stated: The salary of I. H. Hagenbuch, which heretofore has been \$10 per month, was increased by the Board of Health to \$12.50.

Steam Co., for heat, during seasons of '97-'98, \$75.87.

The bill of the health officer was laid aside. Council considers the old salary of \$10 per month sufficient for his services.

Several other matters of minor importance were discussed after which Council adjourned.

## School Report.

The fourth month of school of the Canby school, Mt. Pleasant District, closed Tuesday Feb. 8, 1898.

The report is as follows: number of males enrolled 14; number of females enrolled 26; average attendance of males 10; average attendance of females 21.

The following is a list of the names of the pupils having attended every day during month. Those marked with a star have attended every day during term: Oscar Melick, Clark Davis, Mary Melick\*, Stella Melick\*, Mary Davis, Cleo Thomas\*, Ella Davis, Roy Thomas\*, Maria Thomas, Hazel Thomas\*, Blanche Davis, Lola Miller, Esther Melick.

G. M. VANCE, Teacher.

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|                              |     |                                   |        |
|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 2 pounds light or dark Honey | 25c | Best Prunes, large, pound         | 15c    |
| 2 cans best Tomatoes         | 25c | Large California Prunes, 3 pounds | 25c    |
| 3 cans good Tomatoes         | 25c | Nice Large Raisins, 5 pounds for  | 25c    |
| 4 cans good Tomatoes         | 30c | Nice Evaporated Peaches, pound    | 10c    |
| 2 cans Victoria Corn         | 25c | Skinned Hams, pound               | 10c    |
| 3 cans good Corn             | 25c | Plain Hams, pound                 | 9c     |
| 4 cans best Peas             | 25c | California Hams, pound            | 7c     |
| 3 cans good Peas             | 25c | 2 lbs. New York Cake Cheese       | 25c    |
| 1 can French Peas, best      | 20c | 1 package Cox's Gelatin           | 15c    |
| Good Hickory Nuts, quart     | 5c  | 4 packages Macaroni, good         | 25c    |
| 25 lb sack Buckwheat Flour   | 40c | 1 gallon can good Maple Syrup     | \$1.00 |
| Potatoes, bushel             | 80c | 12 1/2 lb. sack Corn Meal         | 12c    |

Mrs. Winslow's Mince Meat, 6 cts, a Pound.

Jamaica and California Oranges, nice Lemons, Lettuce, Celery, Bananas, Cabbage, Apples, in stock at all times.

Brick, Roquefort, Sweitzer, Pine Apple and Limberger Cheeses.

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For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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## JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

February 17th, 1898.

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You can buy any of these articles during this Sale at 4c.

Genuine Dover Egg Beaters, heavy wire.

Broilers, 6x9.  
Long Handle Fire Shovels.  
Bread Tins, all sizes.  
1 quart size Buckets.  
Large size Graters.  
Long handle Basting Spoons.  
Strong iron Meat Forks.  
Cake Turners, steel blades.  
Alaska cover Lifters.  
Three arm Towel Racks.  
Greystone granite basins, all sizes.

The following list shows the great values you get during this sale at 9c.

Painted Chamber Pails, with cover.

14-qt. Stamped Dish Pans.  
4-qt. Tea and Coffee Pots.  
Galvanized Water Pails.  
Large Size Culenders.  
Large Size Painted Cuspidores.  
4 and 6 quart water pails.  
2 quart Watering Pots, zinc rose.  
Good quality partition Dinner Pails.

8-qt. size retinned Preserving Kettles.

Bread Pans, all sizes, Greystone Granite.

Jelly Moulds, Greystone Granite.  
2-qt. Covered Buckets, Greystone Granite.

Hanging Soap Dishes, with Drainer, Greystone Granite.

Stew Pans, with handle Greystone Granite.

Braided Carpet Beaters.

Regulation size Japan Coal Hods.

Basting Spoons, all sizes, 5c.

Pie Plates, all sizes, each 7c.

Extra quality Broom 15c.

Five foot hard wood Step Ladders, 45c.

Work Baskets on stands, value 98c., at 49c.

7 1/2 pound Sugar Box, value 22c., at 12c.

Oval Clothes Boilers, No. 9 size, at 22c.

The well known Henis Fruit Press, value 39c., at 24c.

Alaska nickel plated Fire Shovel, value 25c., at 15c.

Fine imported rice, tea and coffee Canisters, value 25c., at 9c.

Spice Canisters, each 5c.

Extra quality Hearth Brush, 9c.

7-inch White Wash Brush, 9c.

Fine Stove Brush, 9c.

3 kinds solid back Scrub Brushes, each 9c.

Fine Shoe Brushes, 9c.

**Armour Laundry Soap**

large size cakes, 12 cake for 25c.

Copper Wash Boilers, heavy size 8, \$1.49.

Copper Wash Boilers, heavy size 9, at \$1.69.

Extra fine Glass Bowls, copy the real cut kind, 8 and 9 inch sizes, value 25c., each 10c.

One lot of glass Cheese Plates to close out, each at 1c.

Best white Cups and Saucers, in sets of 6, at 27c.

Best quality white vegetables Dishes, all sizes, each 7c.

Wash Bowl and Pitchers, best quality white, per pair 45c.

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